



FROM EROICA WITH LOVE

#4

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Trans. Kx.



Major Klaus Heinz
von dem Eberbach,
an officer at
NATO Intelligence.

Also known as "Iron Klaus."



You're
going to
Greece?

Greece?

Are you telling me
that you're giving up
on Achilles? You've
spent so much money
on it, you know.

M'lord!
What's this
sudden
change of
mind!

Mr. James,
the Louvre is
keeping him
safe, isn't it?



However,
now is the
only time
to catch
this one.

That means that
I can steal it
from there any
time I want it,
you know.

It's a very
fastidious guest
that's only showed
up once from behind
the bamboo curtain.

*Dorian Red
Gloria, Earl
of Gloria,
an art collector
and aristocratic
thief.*

*Also
known as
"Eroica."*



The debut of a young prince in the Greek shipping world!

Mr. Yanis Fercis (23) becomes the president...

Mr. Fercis is the first son of the late Mr. Papas Fercis, the King of the Greek marine business. He has taken over the presidential chair of Fercis Shipping after his graduation from college this fall. Like Onassis, the Fercis family is one of the...

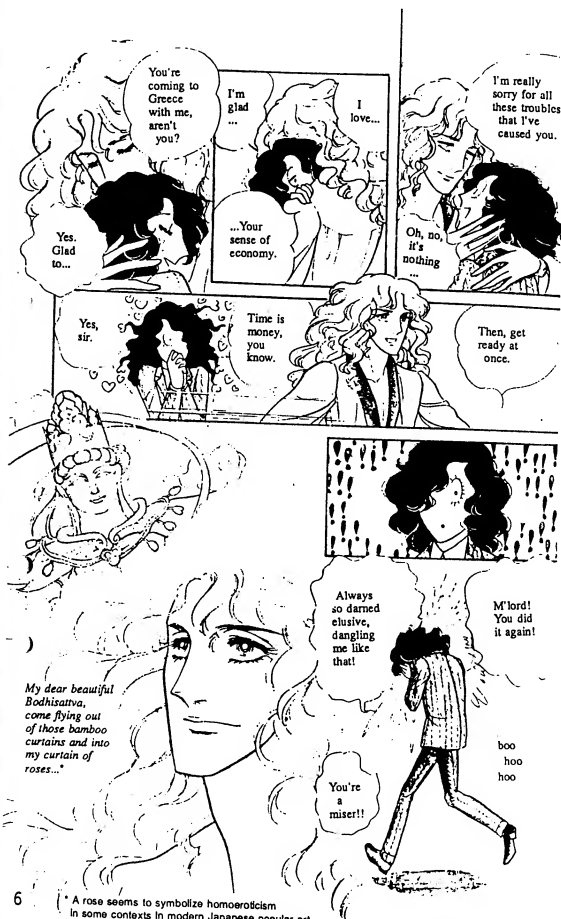


It's a sin to go after a man as obviously dumb as this!

Wasn't it your principle that you'd only go for beautiful things!?









We do not know her intentions yet,

but the mere fact that she's mobilized is...

Right. Keep a close eye on her.

You go report it and I'll follow her.

That's her.

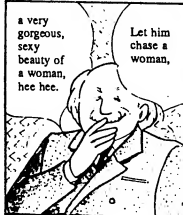


Maija Bulgakow has shown up in Athens.

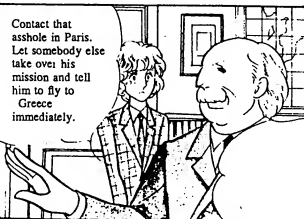


a very gorgeous, sexy beauty of a woman, hee hee.

Let him chase a woman,

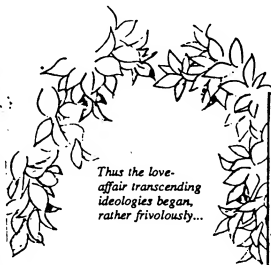


Contact that asshole in Paris. Let somebody else take over his mission and tell him to fly to Greece immediately.



Feris Shipping



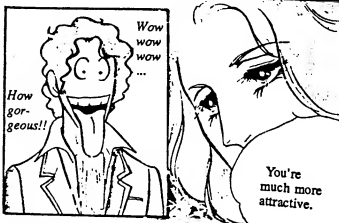
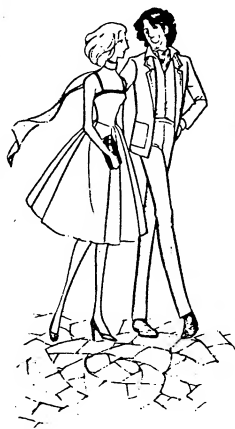


Thus the love-affair transcending ideologies began, rather frivolously...



No, as I see you closely, not much...

Does that Mr. Travolta look a lot like me?



How gorgeous!!

Wow
wow
wow
...

You're much more attractive.



But...

Oh, c'mon!

Ah, would you like a drink with me?



Well, then...

And it was the beginning of a British-German-Russian war...

As soon as
I thought I
was released
from Achilles' skirt...

Maija Bulgakow, a KGB
agent. One of the most
competent female spies.
Marked by the West as a
"Modern Mata Hari."

Most people
hold personal
grudges against
the major,
though...

Me?

Now I have
a mission to
chase a
woman's
ass?

L...
I was
just
thinking.

What did
you say,
Mr. A?

Does the
Chief have
a personal
grudge
against me
or something?

That's
all
right
then.

I don't like it that the target is a woman,
but, a mission is a mission. I'll find
her mistake and catch her.



A Greek shipping prince and a gorgeous female spy...

I see.

Probably the KGB's target is also...

She's been dating the president of Fercis Shipping quite a lot.

It's the talk of Athens.

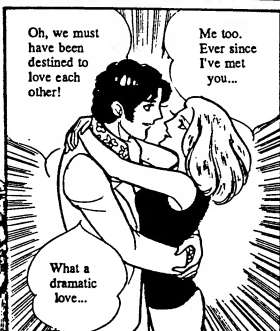
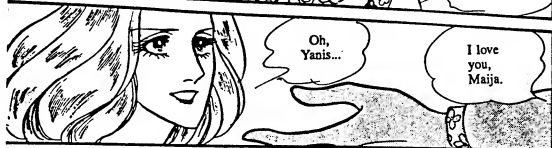
What's Maija Bulgakow doing so far?

For the Soviets, whose weakness is marine transport, the Greek shipping industry with its history and traditions back to the Argonauts must be very attractive...

You'll be able to live in more luxury than Jacqueline Onassis.

Look, Maija. All those ships belong to my company.

No, Yanis... We belong in different worlds...



Whether this is a Communist plot or just a personal, private matter is the hardest thing to determine... We need more evidence.

Wow, they really are doing it...

Shut up and watch.

Inform me if anything happens.

Mr. B, keep watching them.

Why don't I do some plotting here myself...

Yes, sir.

I don't have the time and patience to play long with a B-rated soap opera.

Mr. A., set up some bugs at the Fercis house and the company office. We're going to collect information.

Somebody else came to check the lighting a few hours ago.

Is checking up a fad now or something?

It's working fine.

Hello, how's our air-conditioner?

But I'm sorry to bother you.

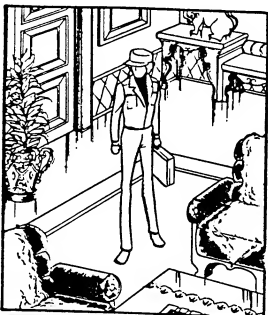
Well, I think it's because of sloppy mass production.

For some reason we've been getting a lot of complaints lately, so we'd like to look at it before it causes any problem.



A microphone.
An old model.

Found it!

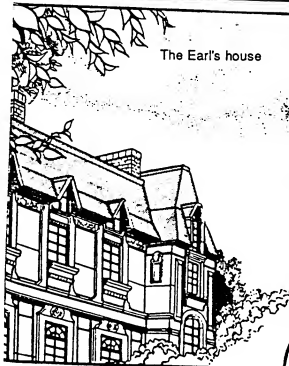


Be cautious
with the
house as
well

And check
if there're
any more
of them!

What? Somebody else
already set up bugs
there? And they're
cheap, outdated
models? No problem.

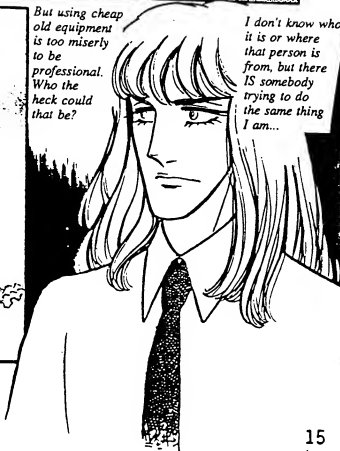
Just take
all of
them out.

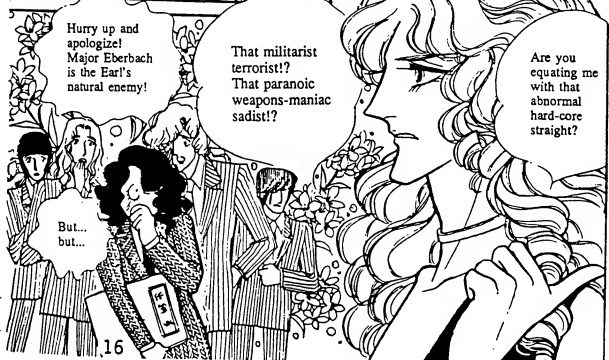
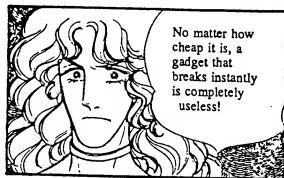


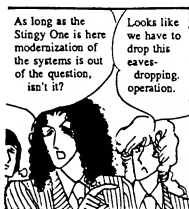
The Earl's house

But using cheap
old equipment
is too miserly
to be
professional.
Who the
heck could
that be?

I don't know who
it is or where
that person is
from, but there
IS somebody
trying to do
the same thing
I am...









Though summer still adds colors to the isles,



Uh...
uh...

...War
and
peace
...



Now
you're
stuck with
your
smart-ass
pretense.

Bee
Gees
is your
speed,
stupid
man.

all but
the sun
has
sunk...



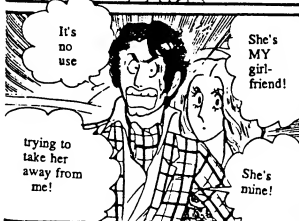
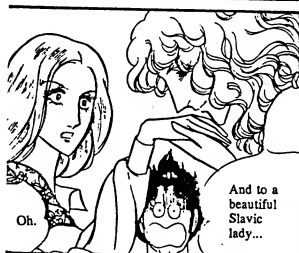
The art of
war and
peace
flourishes.

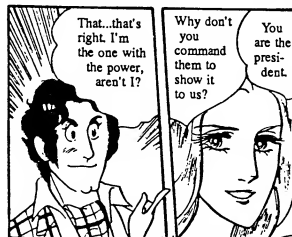
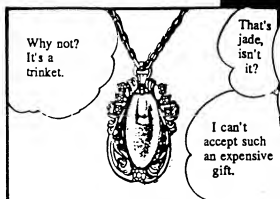
That is
Byron,
isn't it?

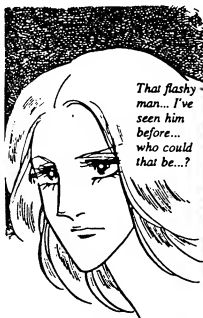
Καλημέρα
Hullo.

Deros
Isle
stands,

where
Apollo
was born.







That flashy man... I've seen him before... who could that be...?



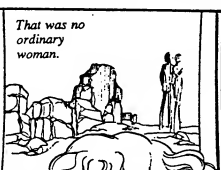
Huh! If he's an aristocrat, I'm a shipping king. Capital's more powerful than good looks!



Ha ha ha. Then, excuse us, Lord Gloria.



She's not the kind to really go with a man like Yanis.



That was no ordinary woman.



Somebody's coming out, Major. From the side of the ruins there appears...

A moon as round as a tray?*

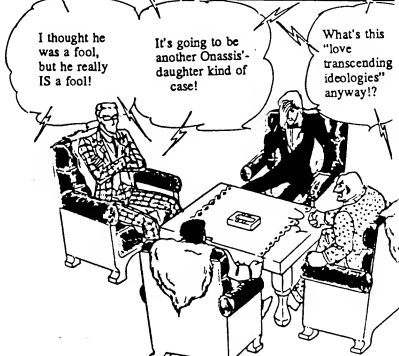
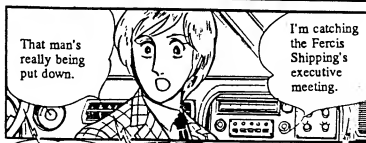
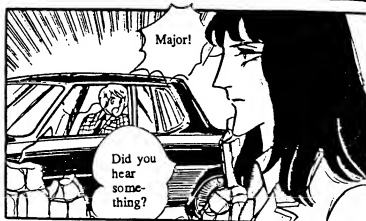
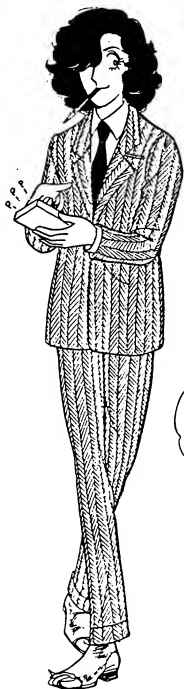
No. A man.

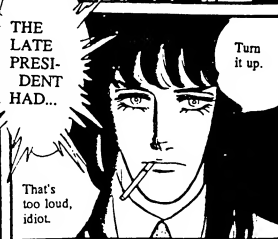
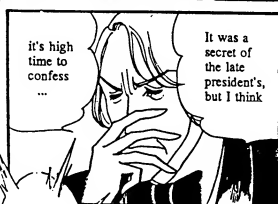
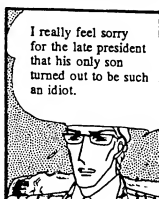
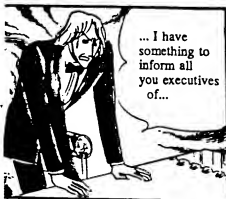
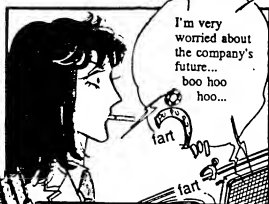


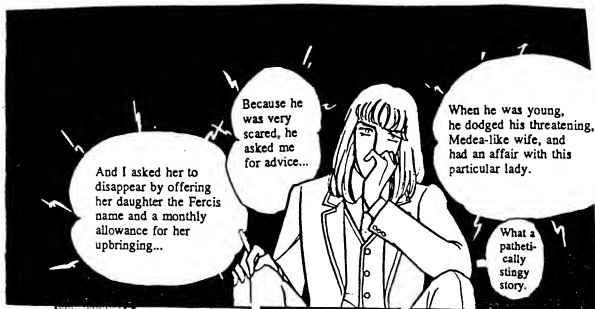
But that's somebody else's problem.

All I want to do is get the Buddha and leave as quickly as I can.

* A takeoff from a Japanese children's song.







And I asked her to disappear by offering her daughter the Fercis name and a monthly allowance for her upbringing...

Because he was very scared, he asked me for advice...

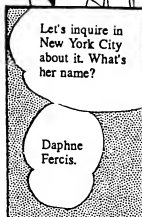
When he was young, he dodged his threatening, Medea-like wife, and had an affair with this particular lady.

What a pathetically stingy story.



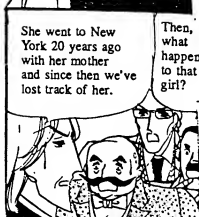
I just plain forgot. I'm getting old, too.

How come you didn't tell us such an important matter earlier!?



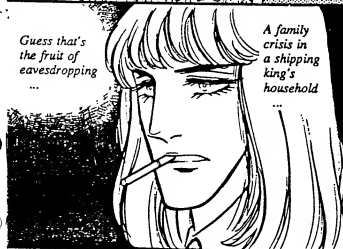
Let's inquire in New York City about it. What's her name?

Daphne Fercis.



She went to New York 20 years ago with her mother and since then we've lost track of her.

Then, what happened to that girl?



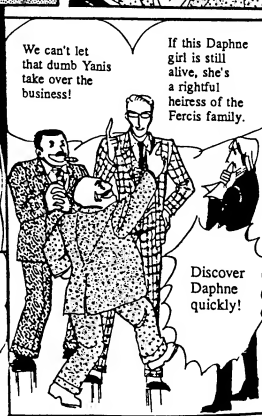
Guess that's the fruit of eavesdropping ...

A family crisis in a shipping king's household ...



Yes, sir.

Have New York agents find out about Daphne Fercis.



We can't let that dumb Yanis take over the business!

If this Daphne girl is still alive, she's a rightful heiress of the Fercis family.

Discover Daphne quickly!

* "Rice cooker" (*okama*)
is a Japanese idiom for
queer or transvestite.

is useful
for
cooking
rice.

I don't
like him
either,
but a
rice
cooker*

I'd like
to use
Agent G.

You
mean
that
trans-
vestite?

A girl of
22 or 23
years of age
if alive...

Contact
Bonn.

Better not
laugh. What
if it wasn't?

...Was
that a
joke?

and Greek
rice doesn't
agree with
me...

It'll be
supper-
time
soon

Mr. G
...

Oh, how
wonderful!

Woow! I'm
so excited
that I'll be
working with
that strapping
major...

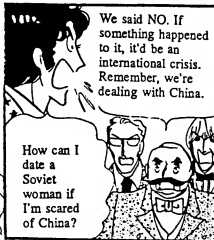
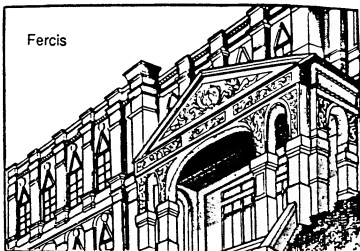
Mr. G,
fly to
Athens
immediately.

I will
miss you,
you know.

Come
back
soon.

Major
Eberbach
needs you.

Fercis

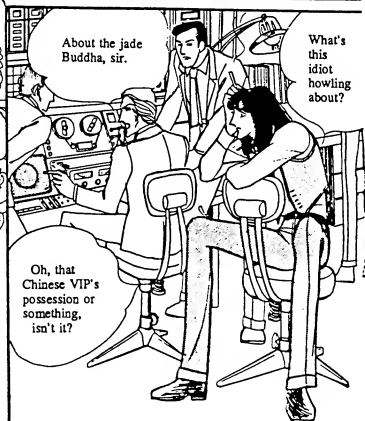


We said NO. If something happened to it, it'd be an international crisis. Remember, we're dealing with China.

How can I date a Soviet woman if I'm scared of China?



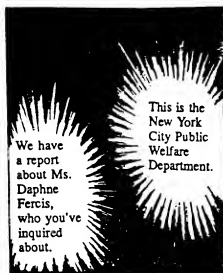
You're all stingy old men!!
Ow, c'mon! It won't hurt you to lend it to me for just one day!



About the jade Buddha, sir.

What's this idiot howling about?

Oh, that Chinese VIP's possession or something, isn't it?



This is the New York City Public Welfare Department.

Sir, there's a phone call from New York City.

That curly-haired bugger would be trying to get it but that's no concern of mine...



Is that certain?

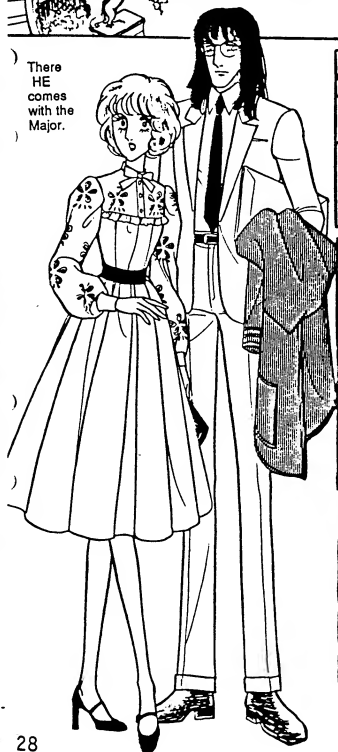
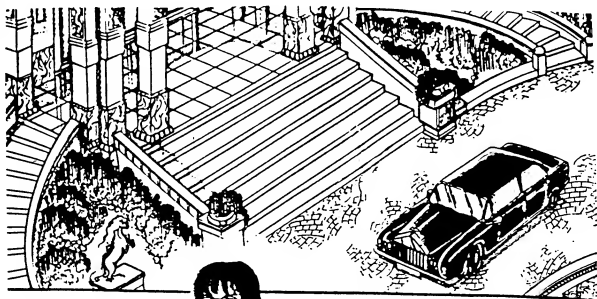


Mr. G., your role is crucial.

An error will be inexcusable.

The trickiest part is from now on.





There
HE
comes
with the
Major.

How does
she look?
Observe
care-
fully!

Is she a
doll or
is she a
bitch?

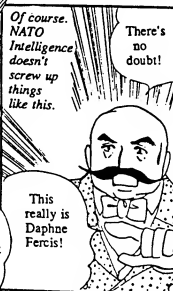
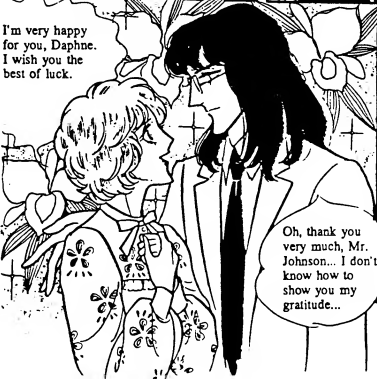
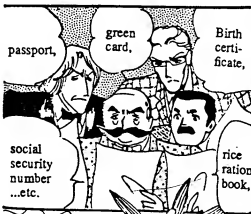
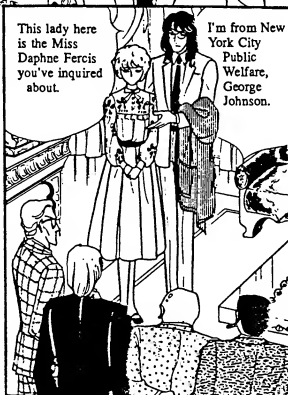
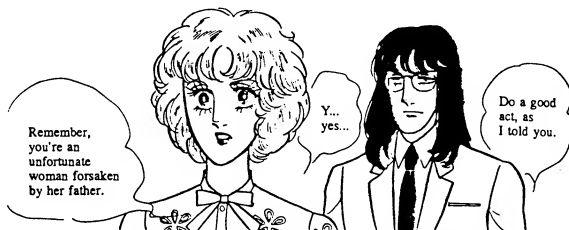
There
she
comes!!

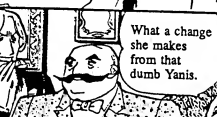
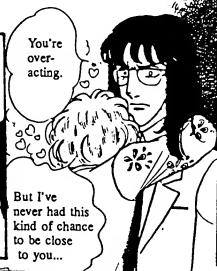
Looks like
an FBI or
CIA agent.

Who is
that man?
A pimp?

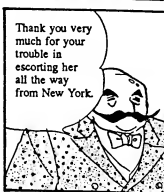
He's a
New York
City
employee.

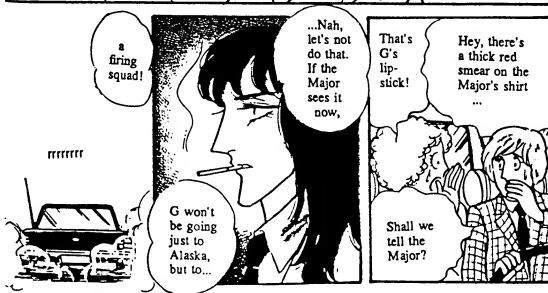
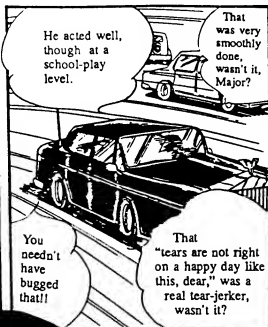
Oh,
there
she
comes.

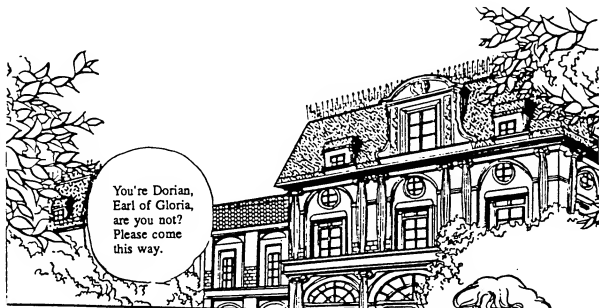




*What a queer!
No matter what
the Chief says,
I'll send him
to Alaska as
soon as this
missions's
completed.*







You're Dorian,
Earl of Gloria,
are you not?
Please come
this way.

The
executives
didn't let
Yanis have
it.

I'm sorry
to tell
you, but
unfortunately
the Buddha
isn't here.

And you
mean to obtain
whatever you
like no matter
what...?

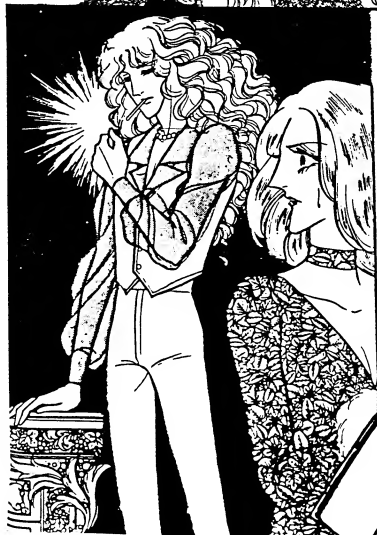
Really?
But
you've
just
arrived.

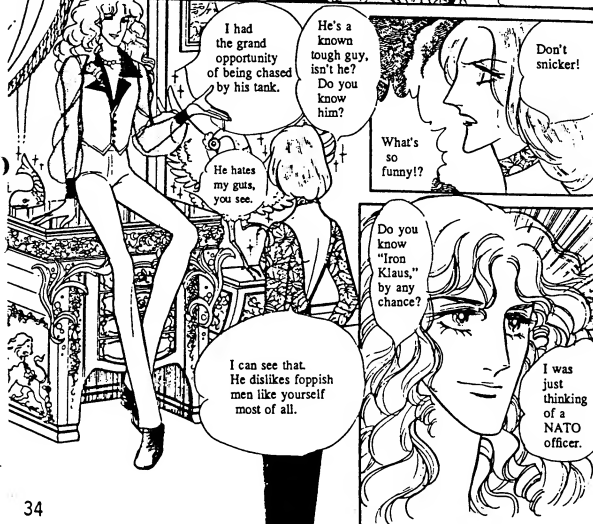
Then,
I'll be
heading
back.

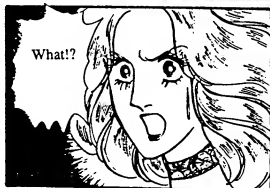
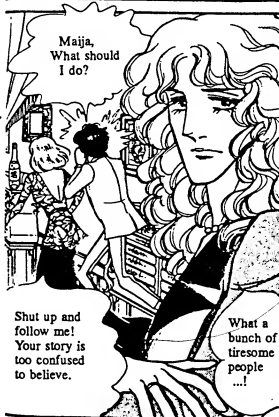
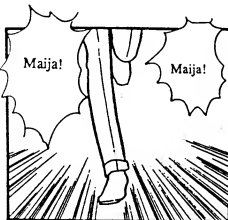
I only
care to
see what
I like
to see.

doesn't
have
much
taste...

Looks like
the owner
of this
house...









Everybody,
we're proud to
announce the
princess
of Fercis,
Miss Daphne!!

This is the
other child
of the late
Mr. Fercis.

Don't be
ridiculous!

She is
legally your
month-older
sister!

The KGB report
on Fercis didn't
say anything
about the
existence of
a daughter!!!

My mission
is to obtain
all of Fercis
Shipping.

Half of it
doesn't
even count!

If this is true,
there's no meaning
in my having
seduced Yanis...

Sir?

Oh, no!!
My brain's
blown a
fuse!

*I have
to do
something!*

*I must!
Or else, my
reputation
as the Maïa
Hari of the
KGB will be
ruined!*



Son, work
on her.
We have
lots of
rivals.

We've just
formed the
let's-make-
the-Shipping-
Princess-a-
Daughter-
in-law club!

*My entire
effort in
seducing
that dumb
man will be
completely
in vain, and
just because
of that
little lass.*



*Worse still, if that
girl becomes the
president with the
executives' backup...*



Wonder what's
in store next
for this house?

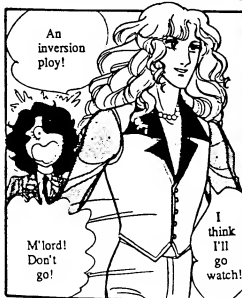
After the
spy drama
comes a
family
crisis.



An
inversion
play!

M'lord!
Don't
go!

I
think
I'll
go
watch!



I...
I must be
dreaming...





For some reason, my heart is in a state of shock! The voltage in his eyes is 100,000 watts!



How do you do, Miss Daphne?

I am Dorian, Earl of Gloria.



My lord!
Oh, m'lord!

Eh...
Yes...

Could you come over here with me, Miss Daphne?

Calm down, James!



Yes! It's just wonderful.

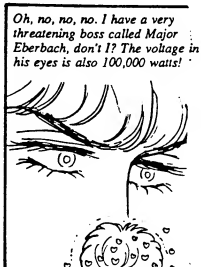
I don't have any particular interest in cross-dressing**



Oh, no, no...

Is there anything wrong?

Ha ha ha...



Oh, no, no, no. I have a very threatening boss called Major Eberbach, don't I? The voltage in his eyes is also 100,000 watts!

* A take-off from a Japanese cosmetic commercial.

** Yes he does, later in the Erica series.

A rice cooker full
of roses falls on
Agent G.

My
boss
will
put me

Oh, please!
Don't tell
anybody!!
I don't wanna
go to Alaska!

to
death!

I'm
an
expert.

How
did
you
know
!!!?

I have a
pretty
good eye
for it,
don't I?

Just be
careful not to
let anyone else
find out

Oh, how
understanding
you are of
perversion...

Sounds like
there a very
complicated
story behind
your doing
this...

Don't worry.
I don't poke
into people's
privacy as a
rule.

That was
a transvestite.

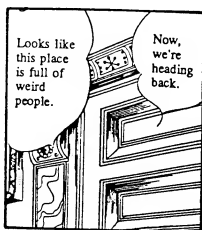
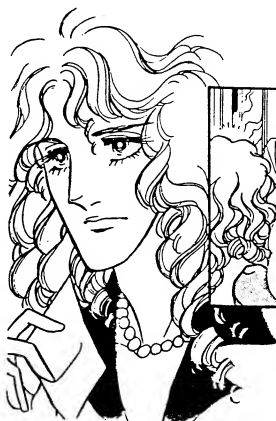
M...
m'lord!!!

Excuse
me.

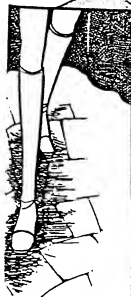
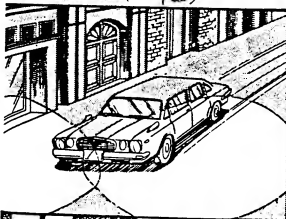
I knew!
That's why
I can't
stand it!

What a
complicated
male
emotion...

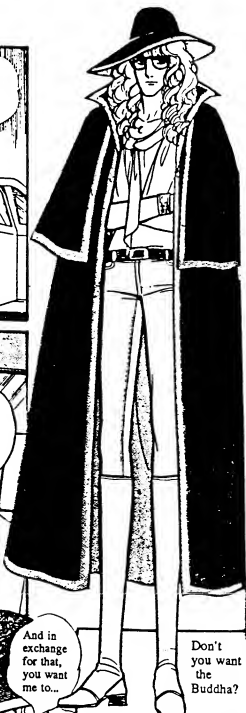
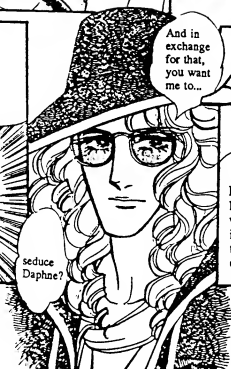
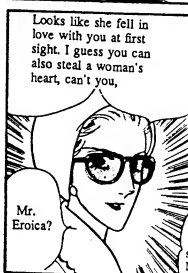
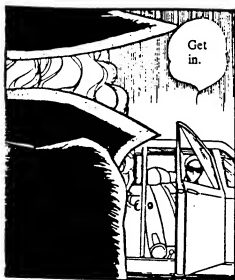
Yes. How
may I
help you,
ma'am?



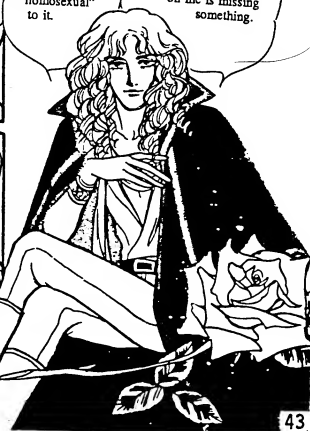
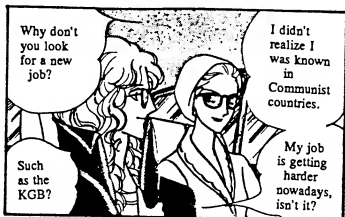
*After the
transvestite
twist comes the
bloodshed...
I see...*

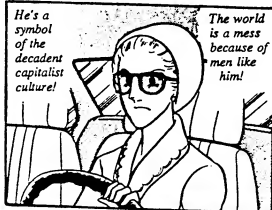


SLAM



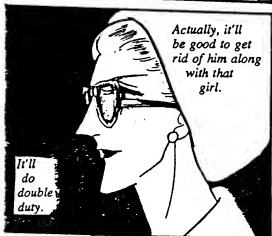
Don't you want the Buddha?





He's a symbol of the decadent capitalist culture!

The world is a mess because of men like him!



Actually, it'll be good to get rid of him along with that girl.

It'll do double duty.

Unfortunately, I'm on the men's side. I don't think I can stand to watch a cute transvestite being threatened by a woman like you.

How does the man look?

Looks like the meeting in the car is over. Maija's heading for her hotel.

Don't you know any other adjectives?

I... I'm sorry ...

A handsome man! I can't see him well in the dark, but he's VERY good-looking!



But... but
the man
was more
experi-
enced...



Why did you
do such a
sloppy acting
job as to be
discovered
at once!
You klutz!!

IDIOT!!!



He... he just called
me and asked me to
go driving with him.



He's an expert.
He told me he
wouldn't tell
anyone...

...A
horny
pervert!

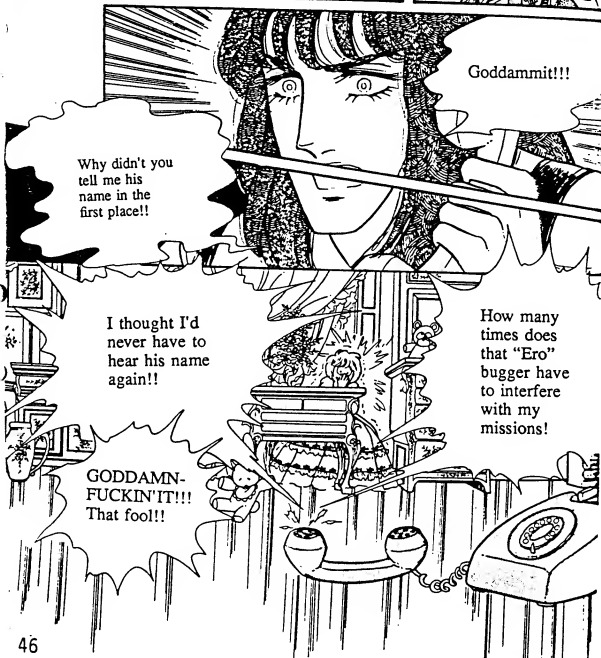
How can
you trust
what a
queer
says!!



Too much hair,
curly and blond...
long oval face,
large blue eyes...
Okay.

Height
about
six feet
...

How does he look? Is he a
bald-headed dirty old man
with a belly just like the
Chief? Avoid overused
expressions like "good-
looking."



Goddammit!!!

Why didn't you
tell me his
name in the
first place!!

I thought I'd
never have to
hear his name
again!!

How many
times does
that "Ero"
bugger have
to interfere
with my
missions!

GODDAMN-
FUCKIN' IT!!!
That fool!!



Eroica
is in
Greece?

He's started
fucking around
near me again.

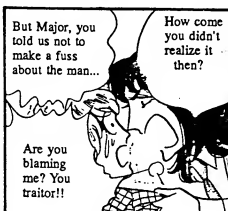
Eroica
again.

W...what's
wrong,
Major?



We know!
We'll do
a good
job!!

If you
make
another
error
like this
...



But Major, you
told us not to
make a fuss
about the man...

How come
you didn't
realize it
then?

Are you
blaming
me? You
traitor!!



Oh, then that
"good-looking"
man at the
Acropolis that
B saw must be...



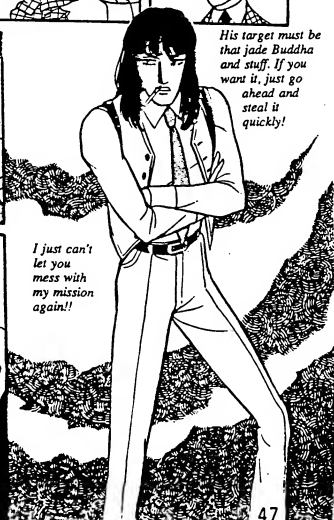
Oh,
Wow!

Look!
That's the
Major's
doodling!



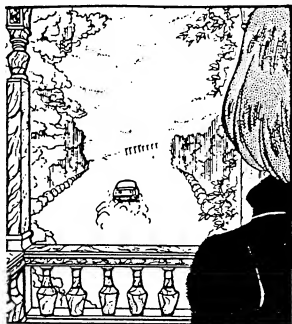
I
can't
draw!

Don't
look
at that!



*His target must be
that jade Buddha
and stuff. If you
want it, just go
ahead and
steal it
quickly!*

*I just can't
let you
mess with
my mission
again!!*



The Cinderella girl of Fercis dies in a motor accident during her date. That'll be good.

Do a good job.

It's the red Maserati.

Heading toward Cape Sounion.

I was very surprised that the office had been bugged.

From now on, it's safer to keep it here than in the office.

Sir, we've already checked this room.

We'll have the house checked immediately for other such devices, to be sure.

That must be the Buddha Eroica was after...

Watch out! That thing is very valuable!



WHAT?

Must be
some kind
of spy!

Then, they
must be
professional
spies, mustn't
they?

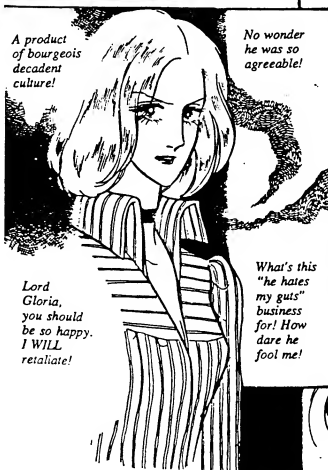
An air-conditioning company
and a lighting company sent
maintenance men one after the
other on the same day. I
wonder if they were...



Have the
Western agencies
been checking on
my movements ever
since I came
out here?



I'm being
followed!!

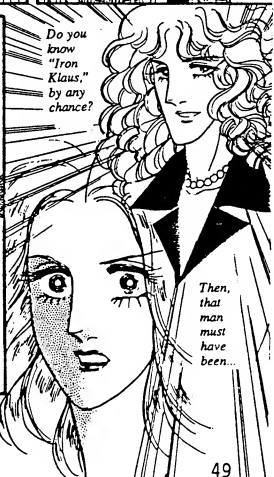


A product
of bourgeois
decadent
culture!

Lord
Gloria,
you should
be so happy.
I WILL
retaliate!

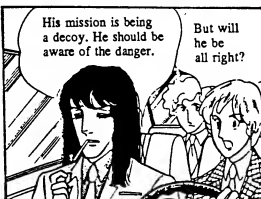
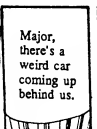
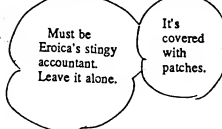
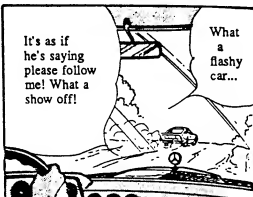
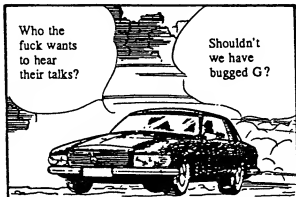
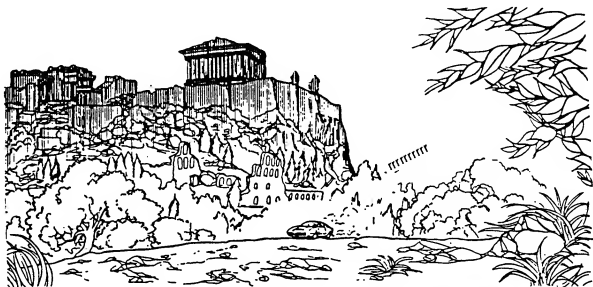
No wonder
he was so
agreeable!

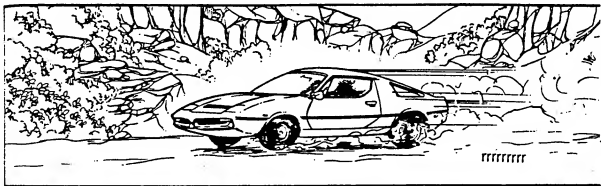
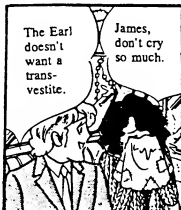
What's this
"he hates
my guts"
business
for! How
dare he
fool me!



Do you
know
"Iron
Klaus,"
by any
chance?

Then,
that
man
must
have
been...

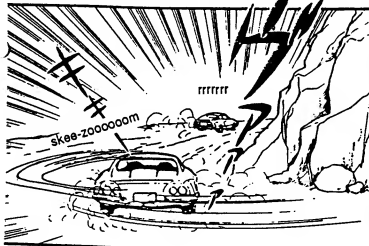
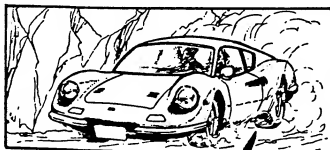
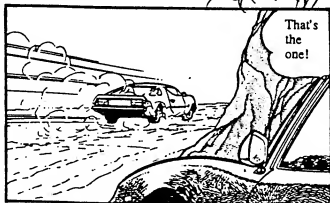


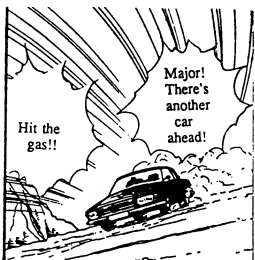
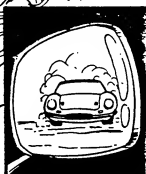


I... I'm about to fall
for the 100,000-watt
eyes! Major! My mission
is in turmoil!

...but,
for some
reason
I can't
ignore it,
you know...

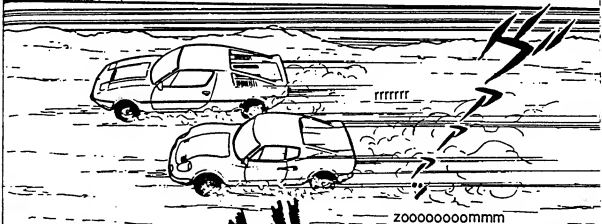
There must be
a very involved
reason for a
man to pretend
to be Daphne...





Hit the
gas!!

Major!
There's
another
car
ahead!



zooooooooooooommm



WHANG

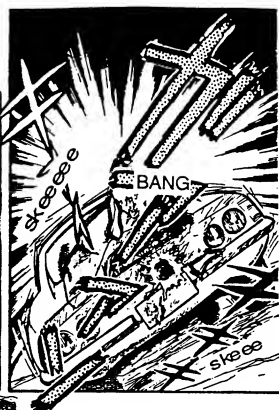
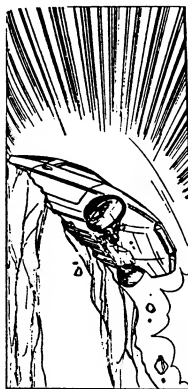


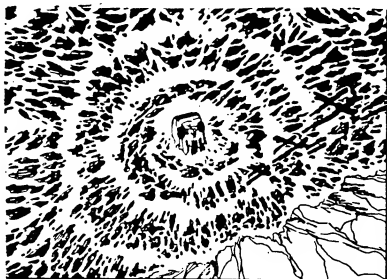
They're trying
to push me
off the cliff!

The Earl's
car is in
danger!!

Faster!!





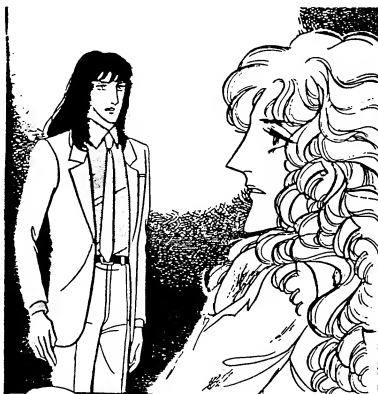


What...

the...



...
Major?



'Llo.
Long time
no see,
isn't it?



What...

are you
doing
over
there?





How come
you always
stand in
my way?

That's
my
question.



right
in
front
of me.

Wondering
why
you're
standing



It's
for
my
job.

I'll do
anything
for my
mission.



I didn't
expect
you to
use a
trans-
vestite.

He was
your
man?



Who the
fuck tried
to seduce my
subordinate!!

I've never
stood in
your way
have I?



I'm
innocent!

No!



Hey,
how
does he
know...
G!



Shut up
and steal
that frigging
Buddha!

Your
mission
is...
to catch
a KGB
woman?



Major
...



I think an entanglement of wire rope and a rose vine is a rather sadistically wonderful combination.

...I believe our paths have been crossed somewhere already.



I'm not built to shoot a magnum with one hand, unlike somebody...

Let go.

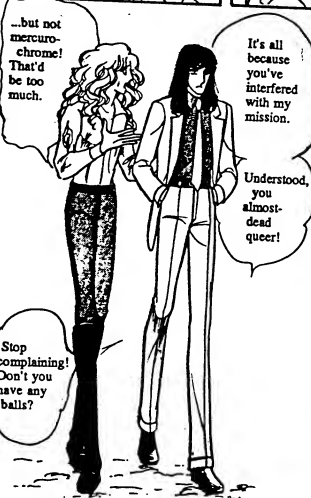


If you say any more of that frigging nonsense, I'll dump gasoline over you and burn the shit out of you!



Maybe not.

You



...but not mercuriochrome! That'd be too much.

It's all because you've interfered with my mission.

Understood, you almost-dead queer!

Stop complaining! Don't you have any balls?



Come on. I can at least give you some mercuriochrome.

Don't go to the loo at such length, fool!

I... I'm sorry. I was taking a piss.

What was Mr. B doing!!

Major! We've a big problem! That woman escaped!

Sh... she just took off to Rome from the airport!

What!?

There's one more thing...

That's a spy haven, and her home country won't be cordial to an agent who fails her mission.

Chase her down immediately!

She may be taking refuge in Austria.

She stole MY Buddha!?

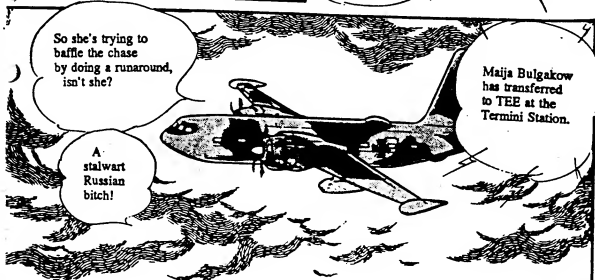
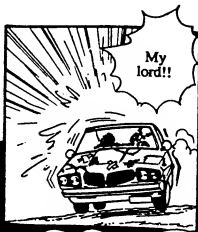
She sure doesn't go down alone, does she?

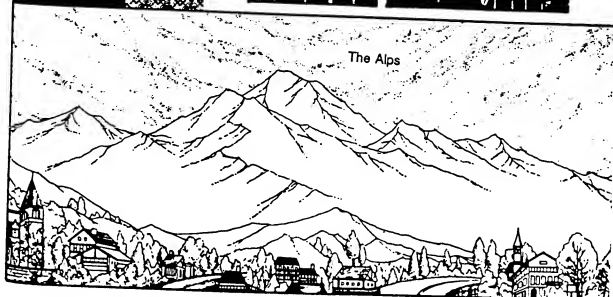
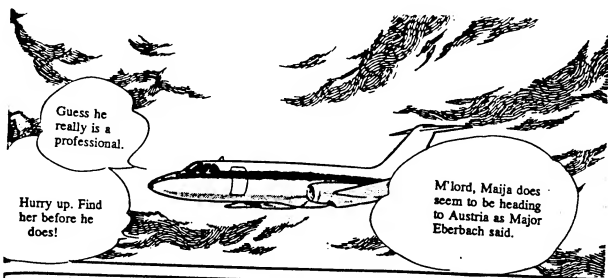
She stole the Buddha?



A bottle of
mercu-
chrome.
I see.
Glad it
wasn't
gasoline...









Tell the Major!
Hurry!

The train's
leaving!



A beautiful
woman holding
tightly onto
her luggage?
She got on that
train over there.

Good. Her
destination's
close,
then.



Said Majja
has transferred
to a local
train.



THIS
is my
trademark,
you know.

When I told them
you were taking it,
they gave me this.

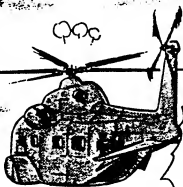
Do they
think I'm
a freight
truck?

Hey,
wasn't
there a
better
copter?

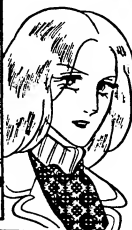
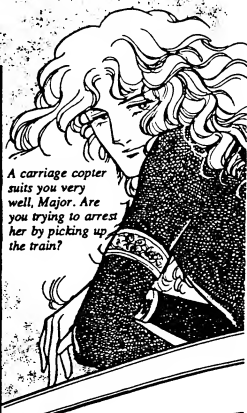
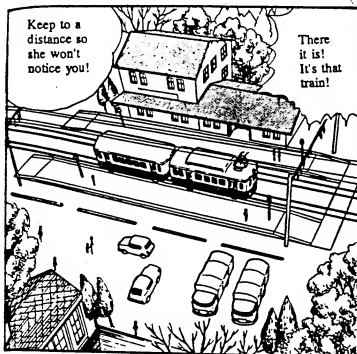


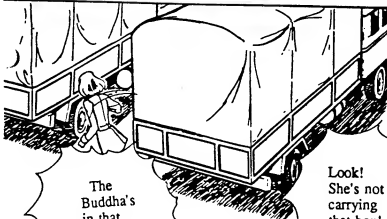
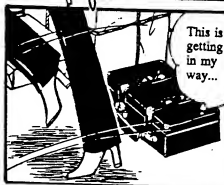
That bugger!
I told him
not to come,
but he came
anyway,
didn't he?

Major!
Over
there!



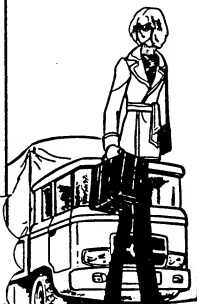
Hope-
lessly
consistent,
my lord!

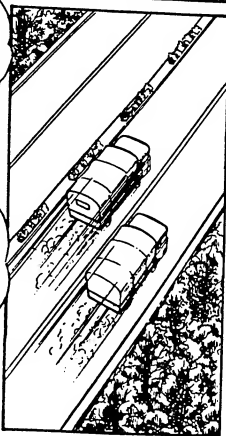
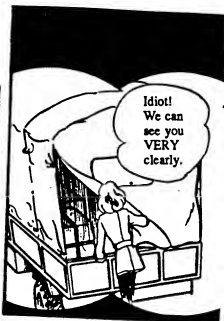


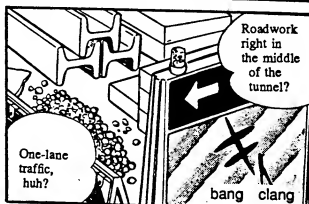
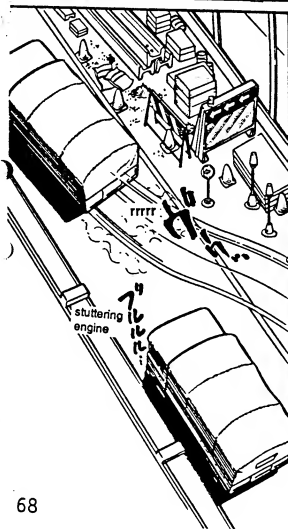
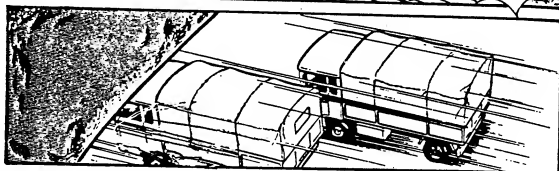
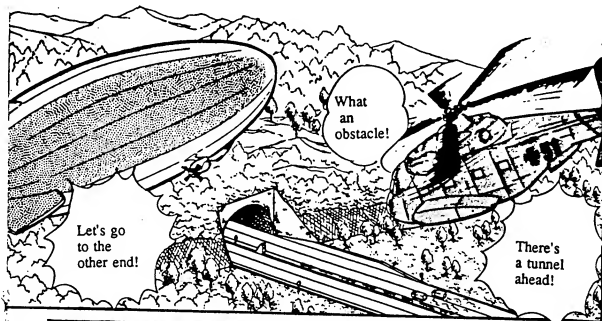


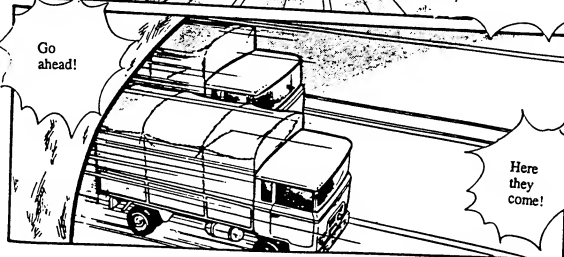
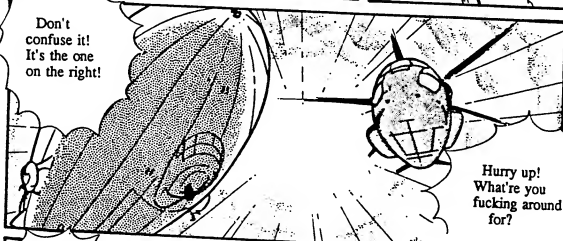
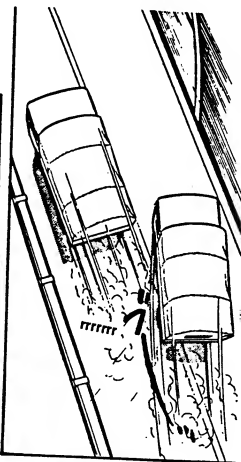
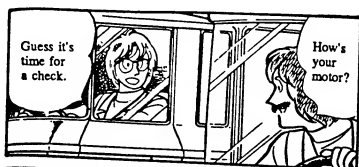
The Buddha's in that truck!

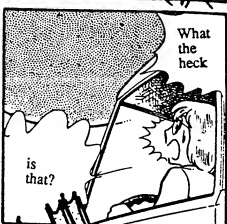
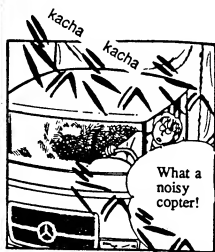
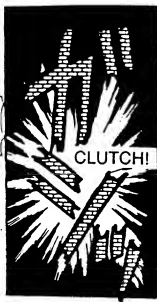
Look! She's not carrying that box!

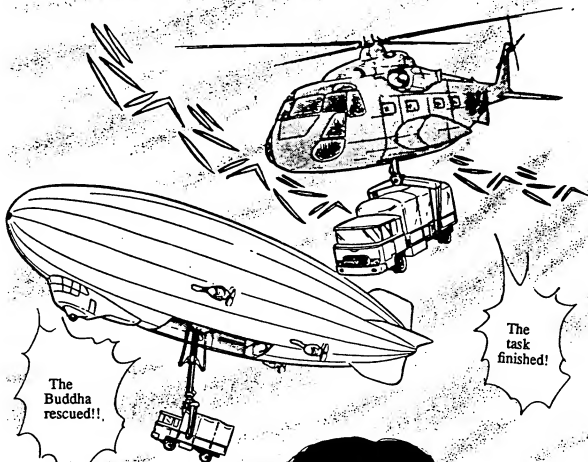












The
Buddha
rescued!!

The
task
finished!



Now we
don't have
to go to
Alaska!

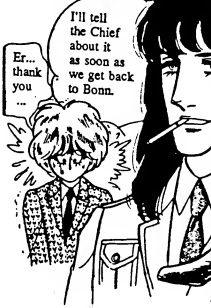
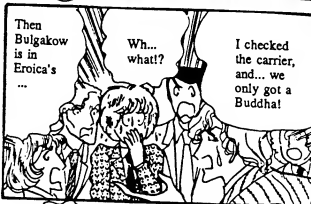
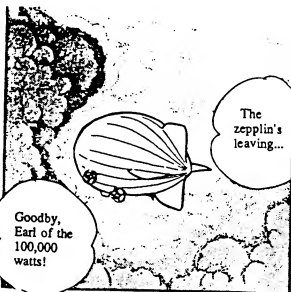
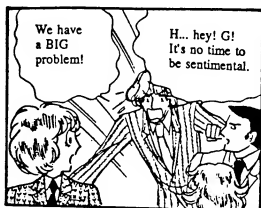
Good job,
everybody!

Carry Maija
Bulgakow along
to Bonn in
that truck.

I'll meet
the Buddha
personally
later on.

Let's fly to
Grindewald
just like
this.

M'lord, a
splendid
maneuver,
wasn't it?



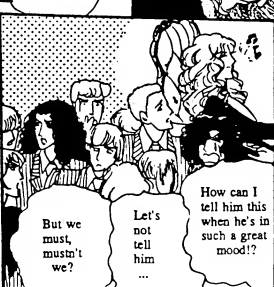


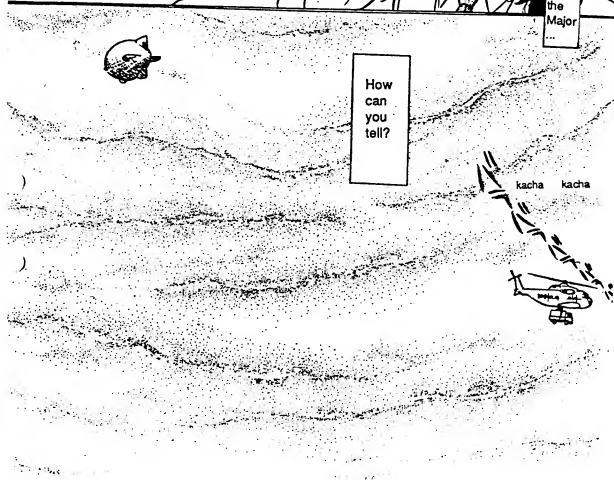
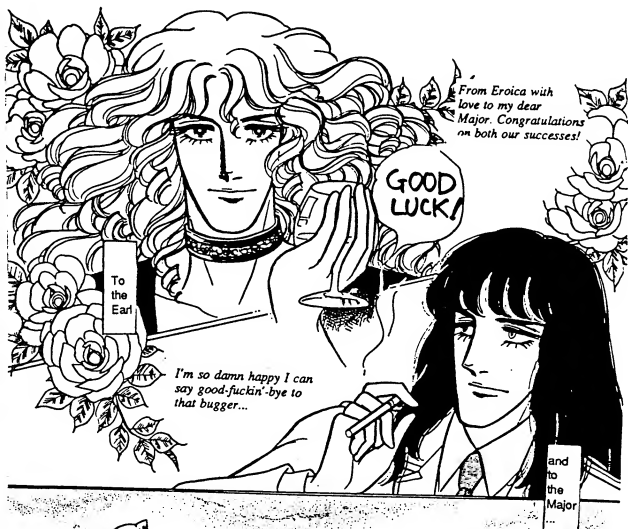
I'm a little dissatisfied that I didn't have too many lines in this episode.



but since I've got my Buddha, after all, it's not a very bad idea to let my rival have the spotlight for a change...

Can you say, "self-referential"?







エロイカより愛をこめて

FROM EROICA
WITH LOVE

#5

by Yasuko Aoike

NO. 5

Trans. Kx.



Thief!!

I happened to like the art
object in your possession
very much so I am taking it
with me. Thank you.
Eroica.

Eroica, or
Dorian Red Gloria
Earl of Gloria,
an art collector
and aristocrat
thief.



A hero
has to
be this
way!

You're
wonderful,
m'lord.

Stop being pushy
yourself and
calculate this
ransom.

Go
away,
pushy
Major!

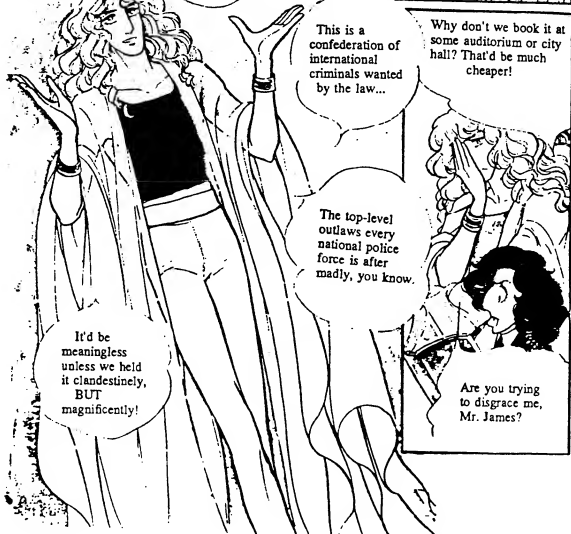
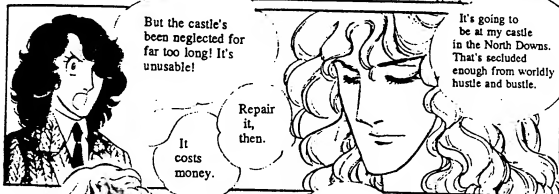
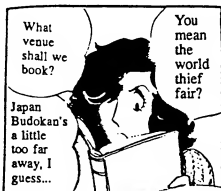
Even the title
of the series
says you're the
main character!

they just
belong
to a
side
character!

Even if
a pair of
sadistic
eyes
intrude,

Make the
amount larger
than usual.

We need a large
sum of money since
I'm appointed to host
the International
Conference this year.



To be chosen as the host is itself a great honor, my acceptance as a first-class criminal, and the success of the conference will improve my reputation still more.

Once every year, a big underground conference is held to further connections among worldwide authorities in crime such as organization bosses, major con-artists, bank robbers, blackmailers, and so on.



I have to make mine as good as that if not better.

It is MY responsibility as the hero of this comic.

Last year, the bank robber Mr. Brinx* hosted a magnificent one in New York.

Mr. James ...

I've been an underdog for far too long ...

Huh!

Your sidelong glance won't work any more!

You are very competent. You can handle it.

You say that so easily, but...

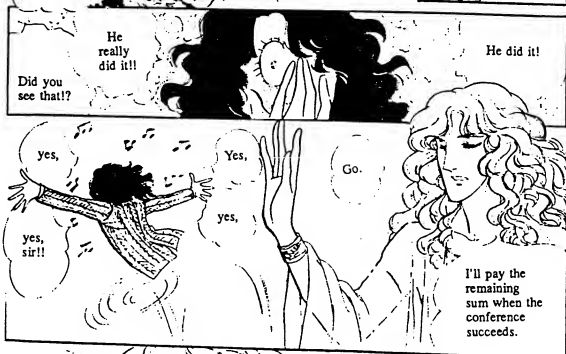
* Remember Bronx, starring Peter Falk?



Ummm.

This is the down payment

Life is not that bad, you know.



Did you see that!?

He really did it!!

He did it!

yes,

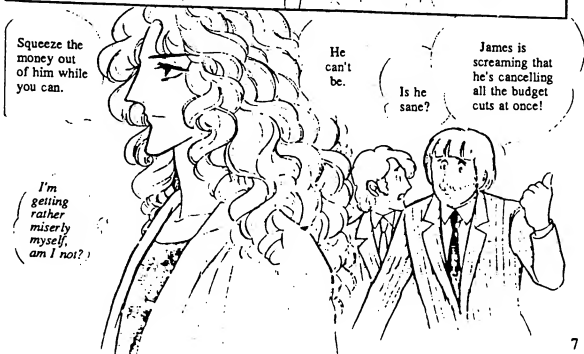
Yes,

Go.

yes, sir!!

yes,

I'll pay the remaining sum when the conference succeeds.



Squeeze the money out of him while you can.

He can't be.

Is he sane?

James is screaming that he's cancelling all the budget cuts at once!

I'm getting rather miserly myself, am I not?

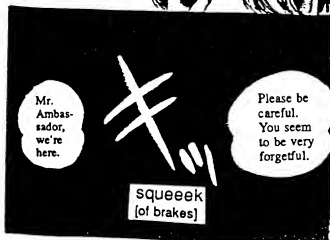
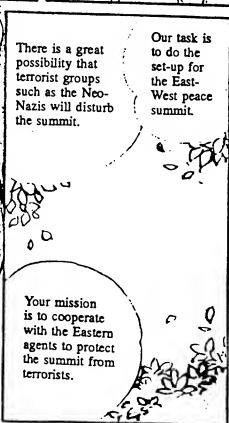
North Downs,
a suburb of London



Damn it!
Throw a wrench
at that Volga!

The road's
too narrow
to do that,
Major!

Speed up!
Beat that
Communist
car at the
next corner!





Kennedy and Khrushchev had a summit meeting at a university dean's house in the American countryside years ago.

A mansion in the North Downs

But this time it's a London University Dean's house, huh.

You go ahead and guard the mansion.

Let us go, Mr. Ambassador.

Don't let any suspicious people get near.

He's an expert on Neo-Nazi moves.

How come a German NATO asshole's being so self-important?

Our comrades have had many hard times because of him!

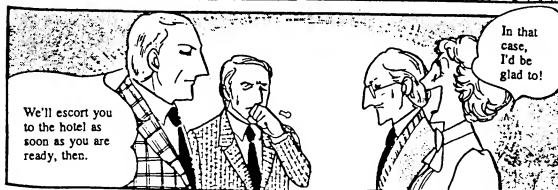
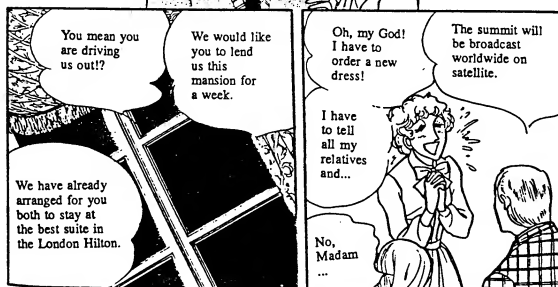
What a drag to have to cooperate with those buggers.

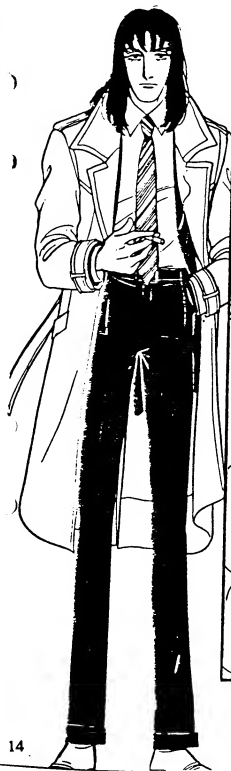
Those must be the Polar Bears from the Soviet Embassy.

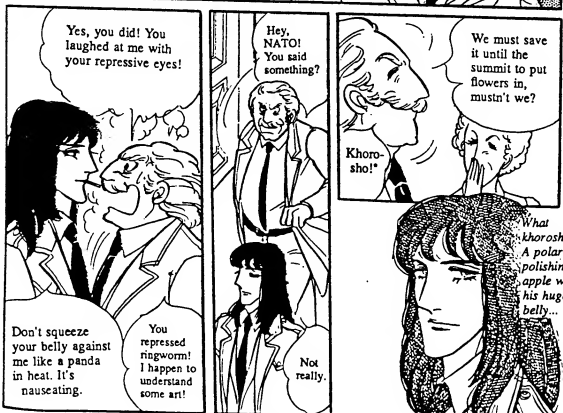
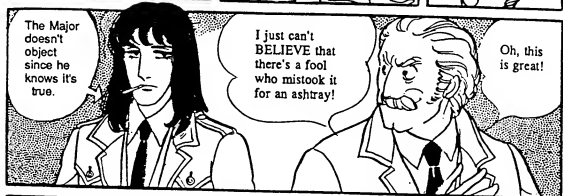
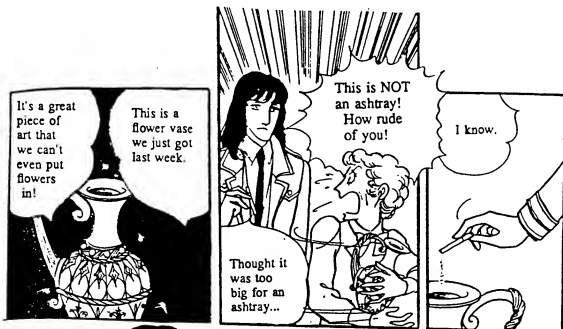


* This is a Japanese
sanctioning practice.







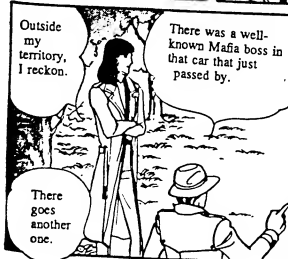


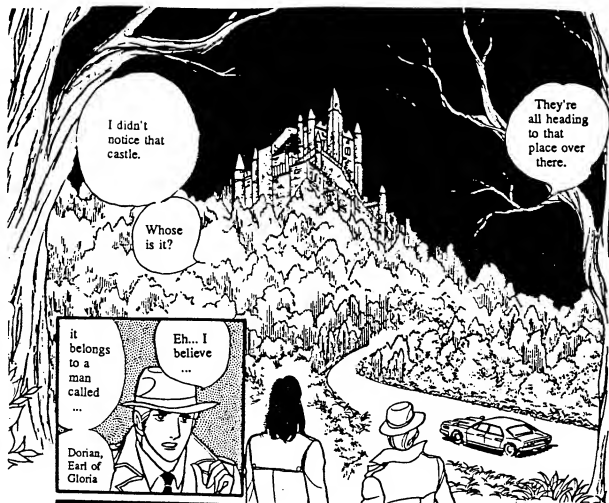
* Russian: "pretty"





Tell your boss I said hello.







An English castle is a very comforting place...

It's very nice. Very romantic, as well.

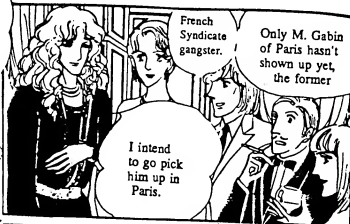
How do you like the castle, everybody? Does it suit your taste?

So, is everybody here?



But I believe it is the responsibility of the host...

to welcome as many guests as possible...



French Syndicate gangster.

Only M. Gabin of Paris hasn't shown up yet, the former

I intend to go pick him up in Paris.



Nowadays, he's only interested in watching old TV series and movie videos until he's bored to tears.

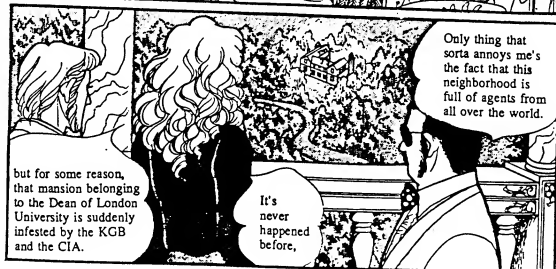
Oh, leave that grumpy old grampa alone.



I think he's just trying to charm old people.

Mr. James...

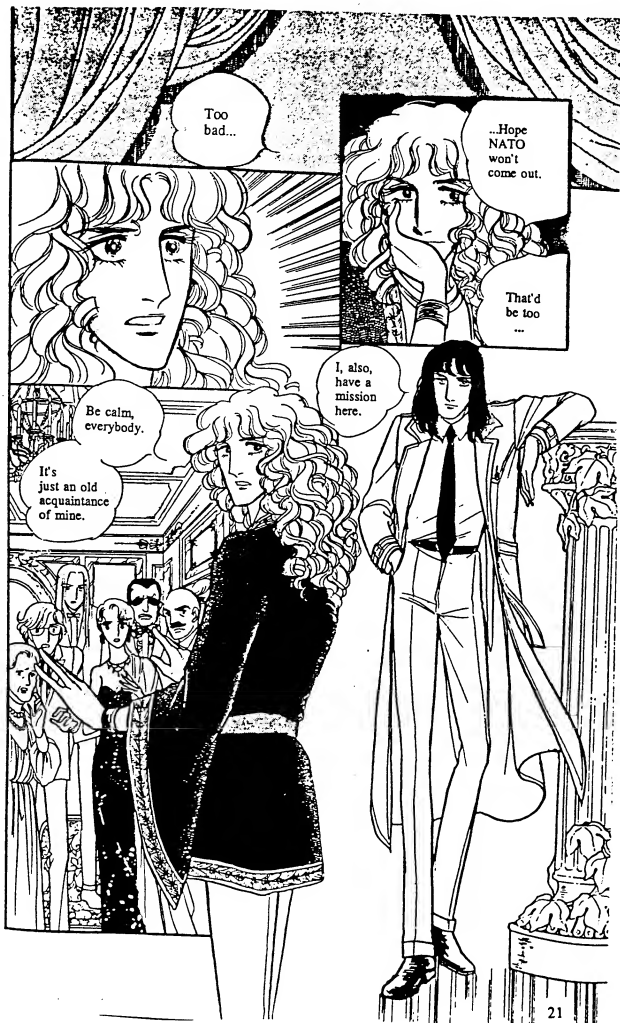
When in hell did the Earl ever come to practice "respect and responsibility" for the elderly?



but for some reason, that mansion belonging to the Dean of London University is suddenly infested by the KGB and the CIA.

It's never happened before,

Only thing that sorta annoys me's the fact that this neighborhood is full of agents from all over the world.



Too
bad...

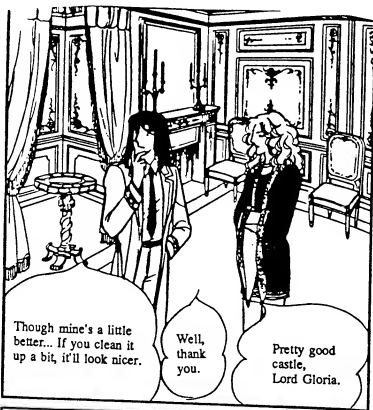
...Hope
NATO
won't
come out.

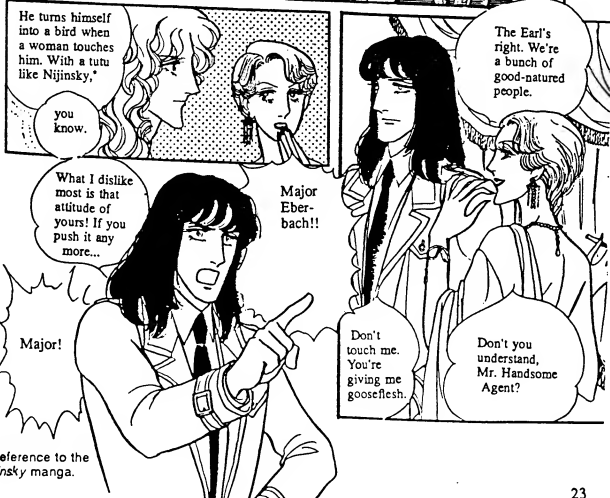
That'd
be too
...

Be calm,
everybody.

It's
just an old
acquaintance
of mine.

I, also,
have a
mission
here.





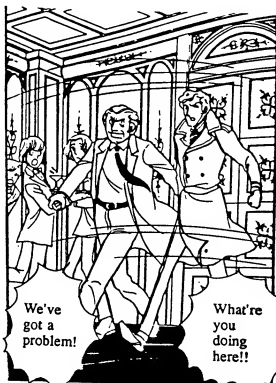
* A reference to the Nijinsky manga.

What a roaring business!
And all the guests unwanted!



They
did it
again,
huh?

The
Neo-
Nazis!



We've
got a
problem!

What're
you
doing
here!!



Gestapo!

Don't talk
like a
Napoleon

I can't
be
everywhere.

The American Embassy
in Bonn was bombed!
That's your home ground,
isn't it?

You
Nazi!

You're
supposed
to be the
expert on
Neo-Nazis!



It's completely
different from
Hitler's frigging
SS and Gestapo!

My dad was a tank
commander in the
National Defense Army!
The National Defense
Army protected the
country!

Damn it!!



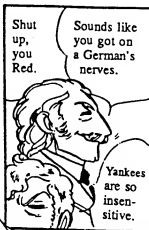
Say it
again!

Hey...
You...

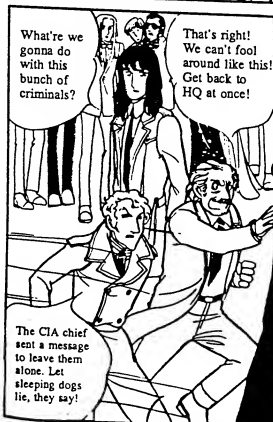
What did
you say
just now?
What,
huh?

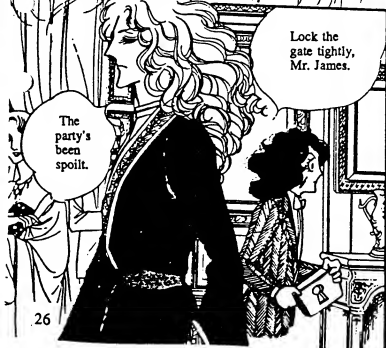
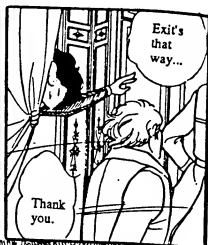
Uh...

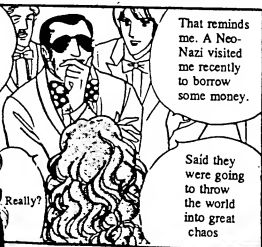
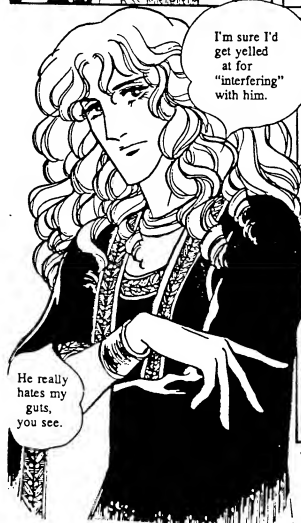
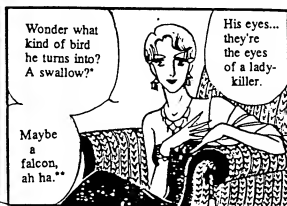




IDIOTS!!!







* Japanese slang for a lover-boy.

** Aoiike's "El Alcon" manga stars Tyrian Perssimon, "The Falcon," a 16th-century Eberbach look-alike.

The plastique bomb was set in an underground gas pipe.



The bombing occurred at a street right in front of the American Embassy in Baad Godesburg.

The message reads: "Stop the fraudulent summit at once. Or else, the same thing will happen at the summit..."



After the bombing, the perpetrators contacted both American and Soviet Embassies.

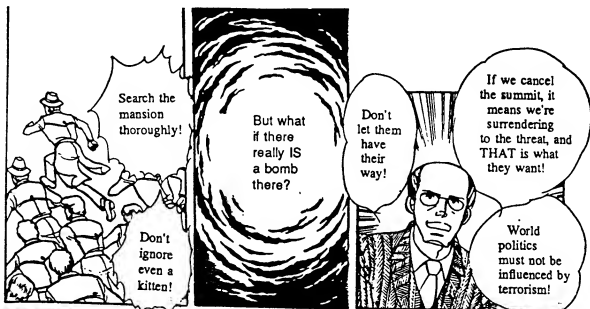
The announcement of the summit won't even be made until tomorrow morning!

This has to be a bluff!

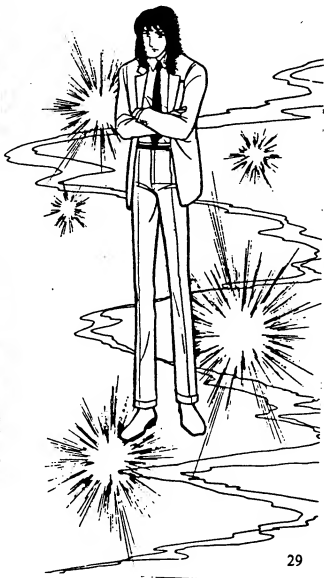
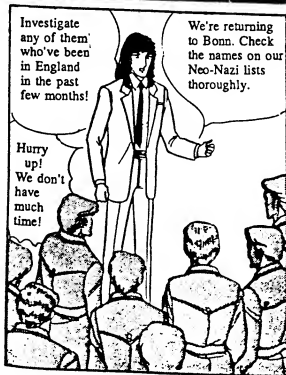
"...We have already set the bomb at the site."

The Neo-Nazis couldn't have known of it! We've been arranging it very confidentially!



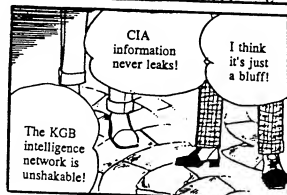


Terrorists are trying to control the world by destruction and confusion. If both American and Soviet leaders knuckle under to terrorists, not only will distrust and confusion between the big nations follow, but also worldwide chaotic panic. It'll turn the world into a primed tinderbox... THAT's what they want...



THE FIRST PEACE SUMMIT BETWEEN LEADERS OF EAST AND WEST!

At the private mansion of a
university dean in a suburb
of London...



CIA
information
never leaks!

I think
it's just
a bluff!

The KGB
intelligence
network is
unshakable!

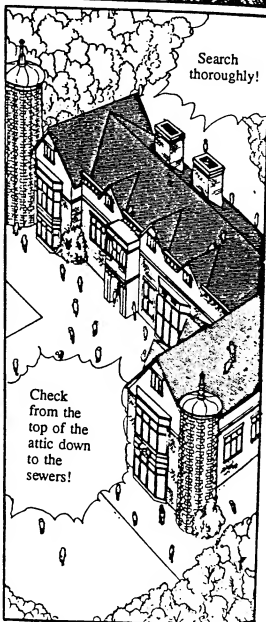


Of course!
It's all that
Gestapo's fault!
Remember the
Holocaust!

If it really
did leak...
it must've
been from
NATO,
right?

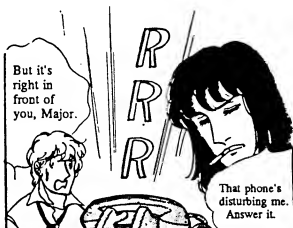


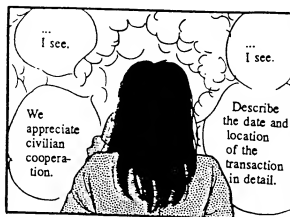
They're
talking
behind my
back. I
know it.



Search
thoroughly!

Check
from the
top of the
attic down
to the
sewers!







London



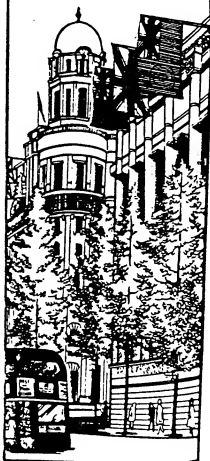
He's not going there to show his undies, you know. What's the occasion?

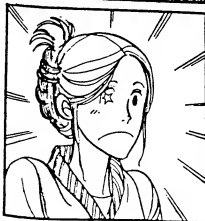
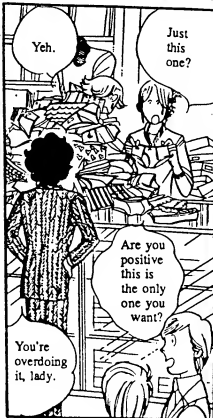
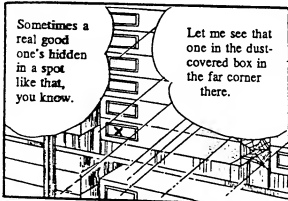
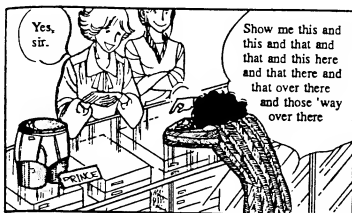
You're even buying new underwear?

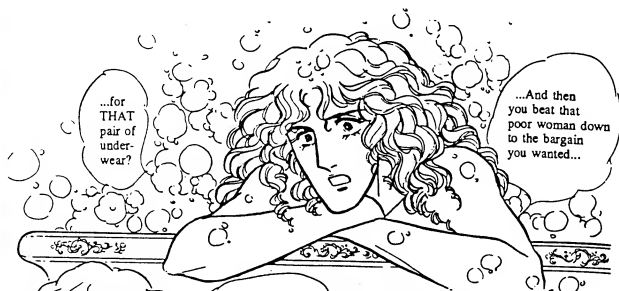


The Earl's picking up a Parisian dandy of a gramps, isn't he? I want him to be a dandy, too.

A really fashionable person invests even in the things that aren't seen.







...for
THAT
pair of
under-
wear?

....And then
you beat that
poor woman down
to the bargain
you wanted...



Don't do anything
stingy to the guests
while I'm away,
all right?



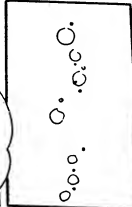
Bon
voyage!

M'lord,
you've
put your
undies on
tight,
haven't
you?



Not exactly. I think
the ones I'm using
now are a
little more
elegant.

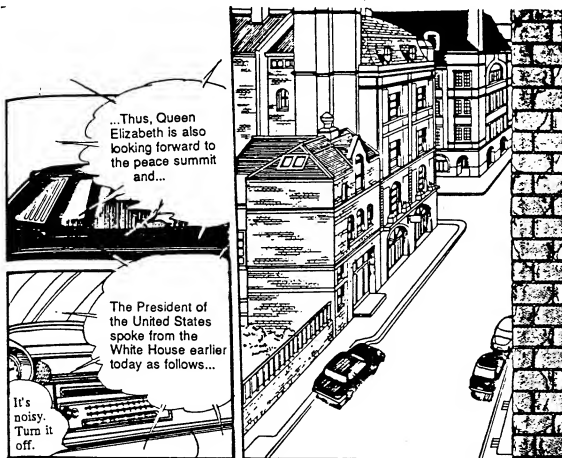
Isn't it
nice?
See?

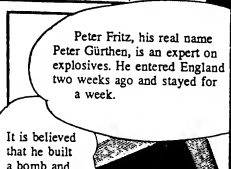
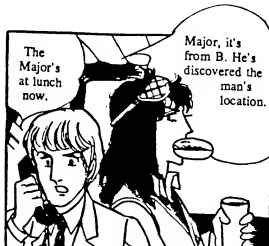


Oh, those.
They were
getting
worn,

So I
took
them
myself.







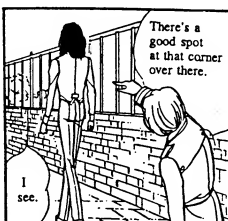


E to the Major!
Mr. E to
the Major...



Will I
be sent
to Alaska
if I don't
eat this?

Even the
Major takes
a piss on
street
corners?



There's a
good spot
at that corner
over there.

1
sec.



The remaining
clues will be...

48 hours 'til the
peace summit. If I
can't find and arrest
Peter Gürthen within
that period...



Please don't use
the live ammunition
while I'm in front
of you, sir.

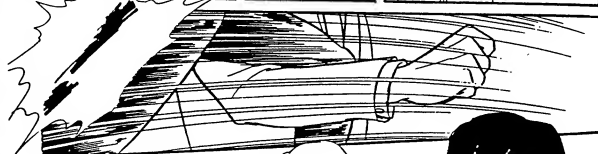
It's
already
put
away,
idiot!



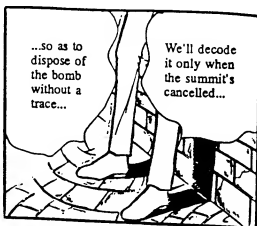
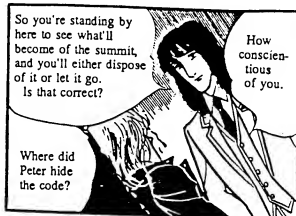
Major!
E contacted
us! The target
noticed us!

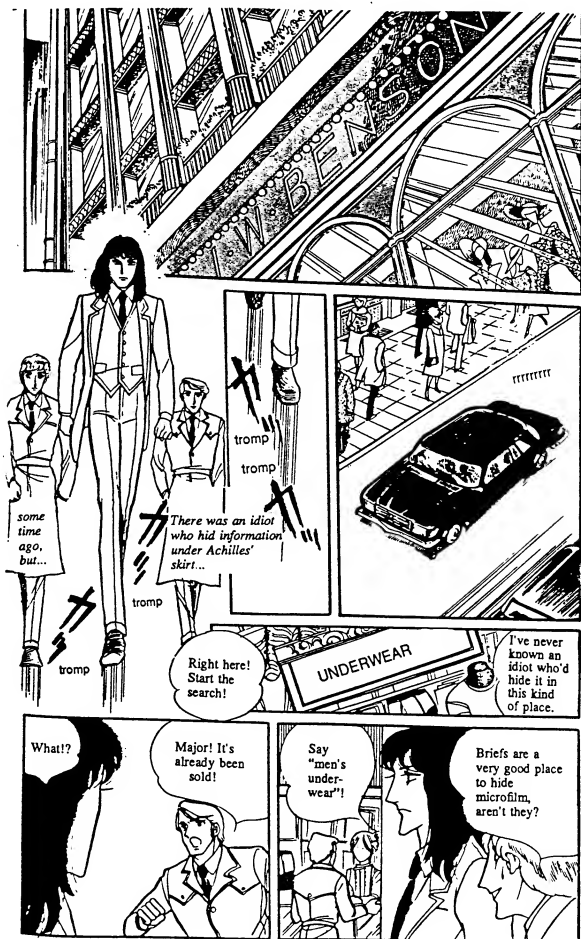
Did he
escape?

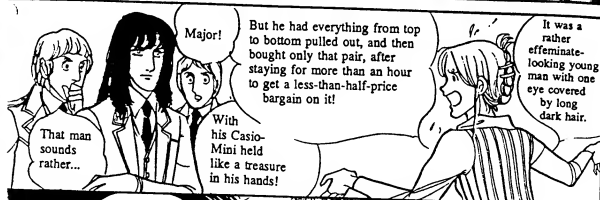
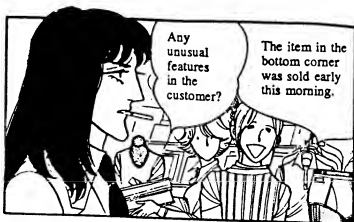
They're
chasing
him
down
Liverpool
Street.















I'd rather watch videos at home. It's more fun.

Non. I don't want to go to such a far-away place!



From Russia with Love was a very good flick,

and Connery still had lots of hair.

Don't bother me. I'm going to watch 007 now.

Come with me, s'il vous plait.


Oh, please, Monsieur.



I don't care to see porn flicks.

It's not that.

Well, Monsieur, if you come to my place, you'll see something even more interesting, you know.



It's the magnificent international espionage event of the century, complete with Neo-Nazi terrorists.

You can see it from first-class seating, free.

The cast is intelligence agents from CIA, KGB and NATO. The special guests include political leaders of the United States and Soviet Russia.



I really wanna see it! Are the spies and presidents real?

Of course!

I wanna see it!

the papers and telly, live from my castle.



You can see the peace summit that's been all over


Qu'est-ce que c'est?

Really??



A moment. You are a thief, n'est-ce pas?

Then, shall we go?



Especially a NATO officer called Iron Klaus. He's a very handsome guy, you see.

I have a request.

Oui, Monsieur.

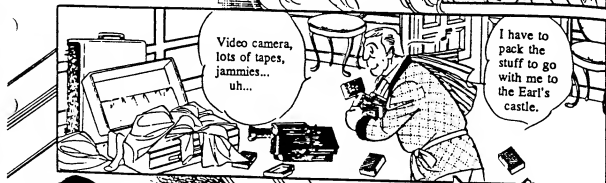


My video recorder has a fast forward, too!!

Wow wow wow! I just have to tape it!

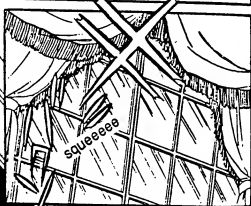


Sure.
That'll
be easy.



Video camera,
lots of tapes,
jammies...
uh...

I have to
pack the
stuff to go
with me to
the Earl's
castle.



Who
could
that
be?

It's too
soon to
be the
Earl.



I don't understand...

Major Eberbach came to catch me? But why?

I really don't understand...

He said something about your underwear, though,

THAT's Iron Klaus! He really was strapping! Wish I had taped him.

Right here. I got it from storage at a TV station.

Anyway, what about what I asked you...

I wonder if if nicotine has finally got to his brain...

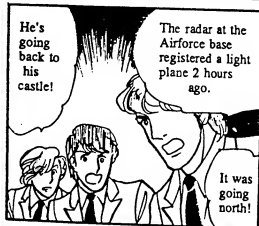
He's supposed to be chasing terrorists.

Magnifique! I just LOVE the old Superman!

He may destroy the entire house, you know.

Then why don't we leave before the Major rushes in again.

Why does he have to chase ME?



*You've interfered with
my mission as usual,
Earl of Glorial!
And of all things,
must I chase
your ass!?*



*I just can't think of
anything...
Have I done
something
to make
you
chase
me?*



...I
know!



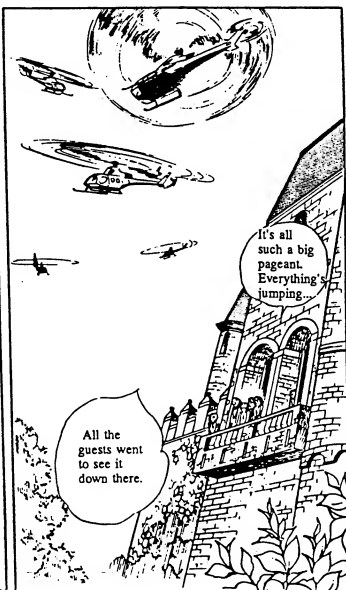
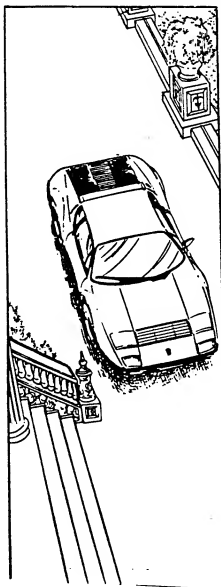
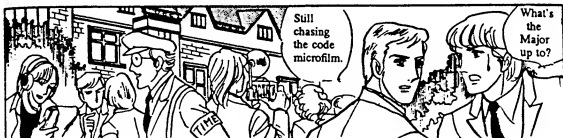
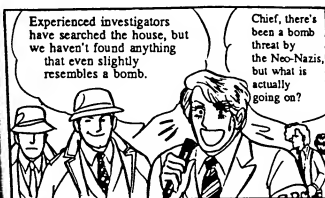
Major,
it's
dawn.

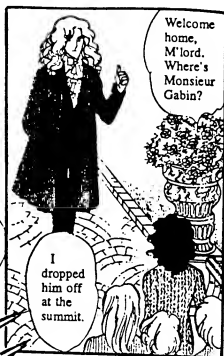


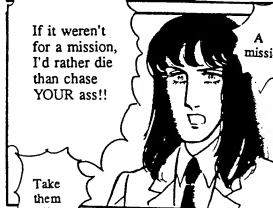
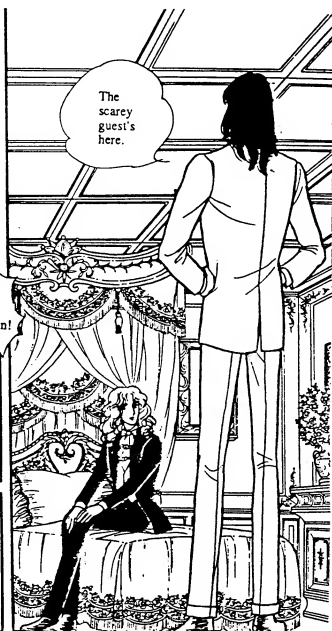
We are here in the
North Downs where the
peace summit will take
place in two hours, and
things are getting a
little restless here.

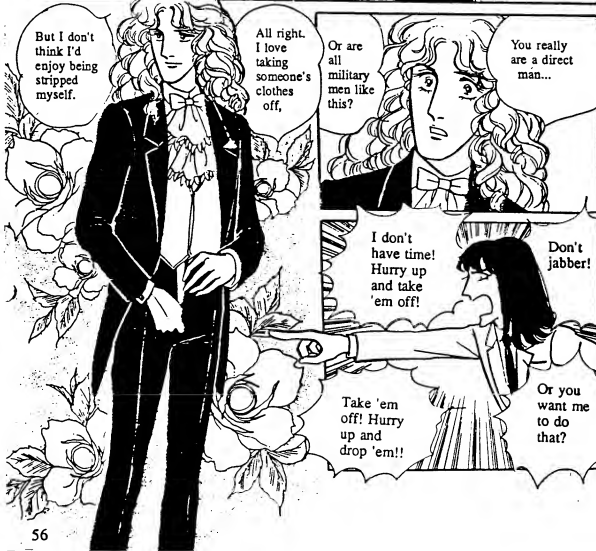
It's a
memorable
morning!



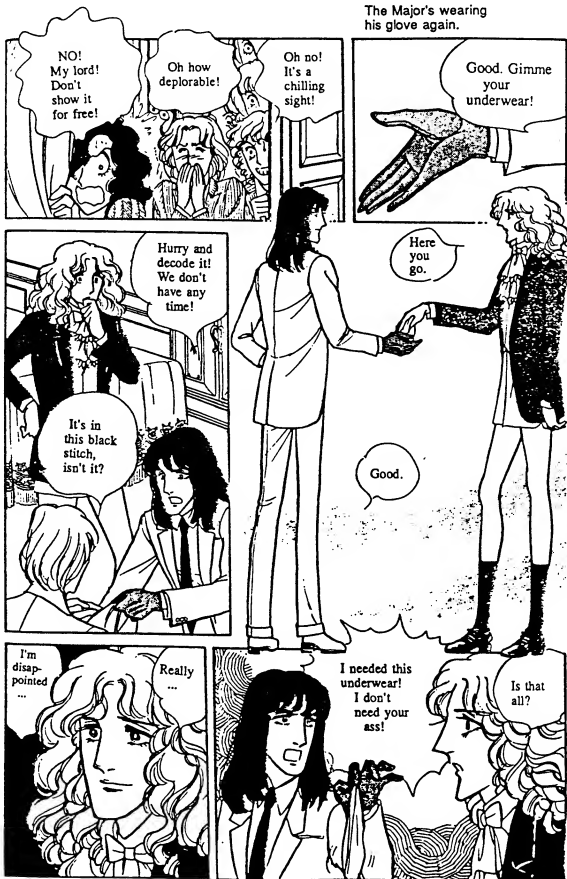








The Major's wearing
his glove again.



For a moment
I was overjoyed
that you'd
finally decided
you wanted to

DO IT
...

When you
told me to
take them
off,

Don't show
yourself
off!

Remember,
you're the
one who made
me take my
pants off.

How
inde-
cent!

No!

Let go!
You'll
undress
me!!

You!!!

GET THE FUCK
OUT OF HERE!!
The investigation
was delayed
because of
you!!

This is
important
evidence.
We must
keep it.

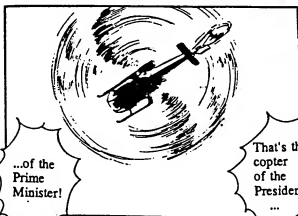
Can't I
get those
undies
back?
Please?

and it's all
because YOU
bought this
bloody pair of
underpants.

Mr. James, I
had to go through
all this disgrace,

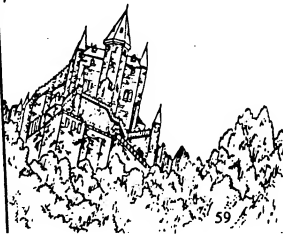
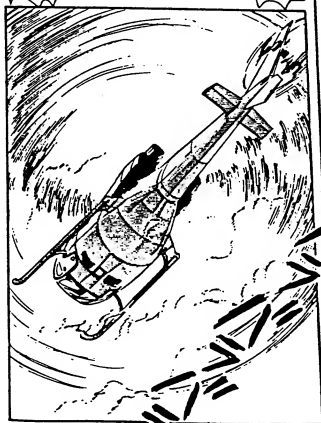
Oh,
please.
Give 'em
back to me.
They were
expensive.

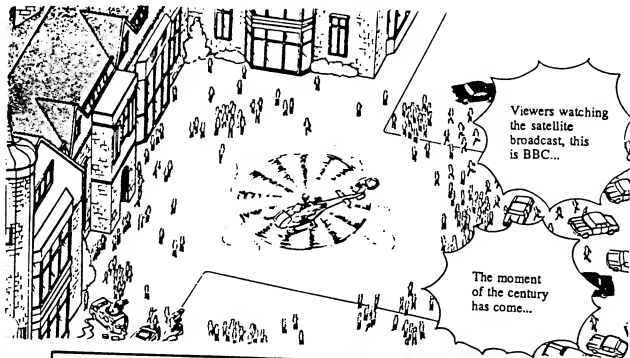
Don't bother
us. We have
to decode it
quickly.

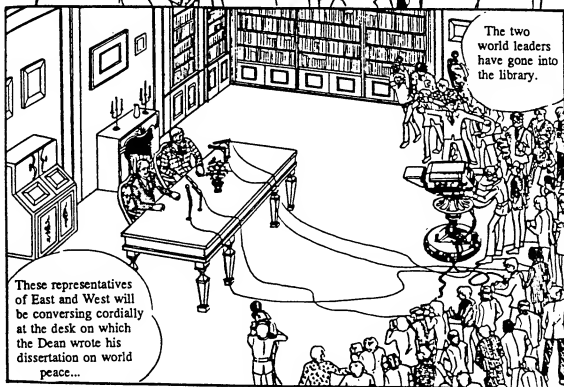


...of the
Prime
Minister!

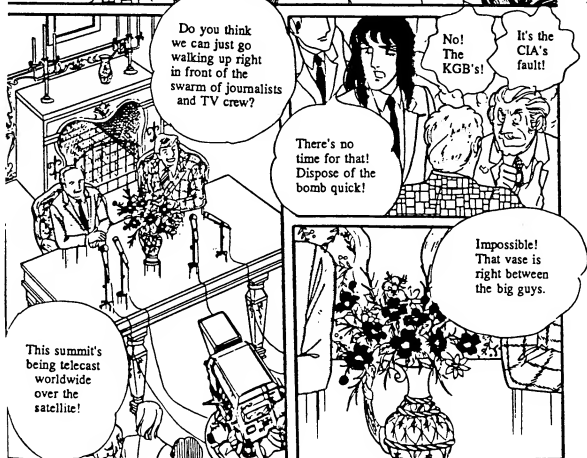
That's the
copter of the
President
...











All the top guys at the KGB and CIA and NATO have to discuss it and decide what to do!

This is a very critical matter. We can't just let your decision take over the situation!

Wait, Major!

This is an emergency!

The only person I can think of who can...

I guess even you can't make a grandstand play.

STEAL that vase is me, you know.

What's there to discuss!

The polar bear and the yankee don't even believe me, do they?

'S completely different from art objects and paintings!

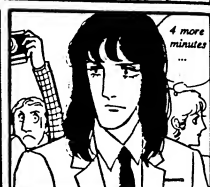
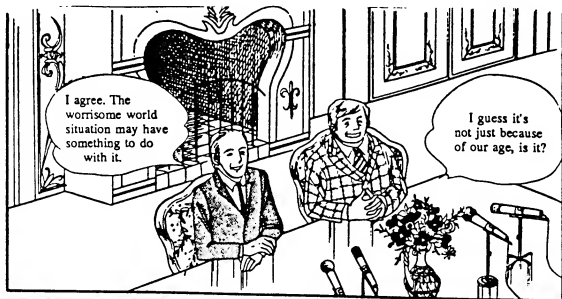
'S a bomb!

Don't butt in!

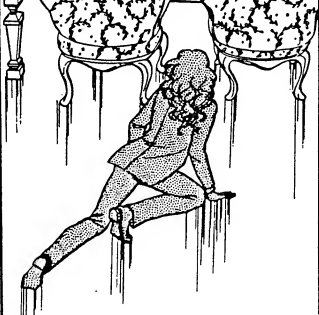
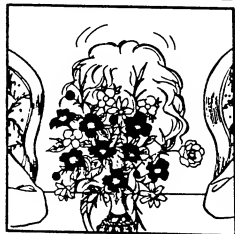
Stealing IS my business, Major.

It's none of your frigging business!





I myself prefer that blonde young woman on the far left. She kind of looks like Marilyn Monroe, doesn't she?





Uh, no. I don't have a particular interest in gorgeous men ...

By the way, Mr. President. Is that gorgeous young man behind us an acquaintance of yours?

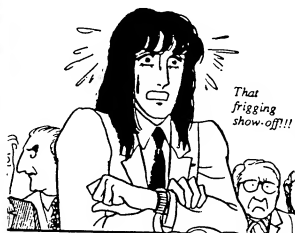


WHAT!!?

I just dropped in to say hello to you two.

I live in a castle nearby.





That
frigging
show-off!!!



Hey! Mr.
Wonderful!

That's
the Earl
of Gloria!

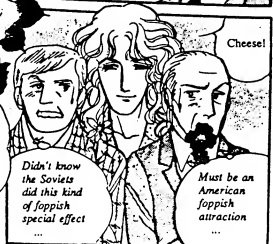
Roll the
videos!



For the
success
of your
peace
summit...



And
you
too.

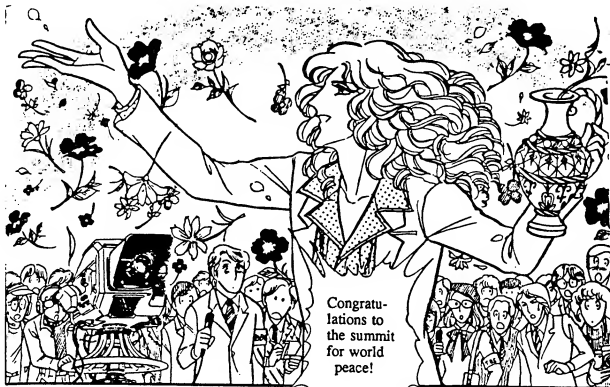


Cheese!

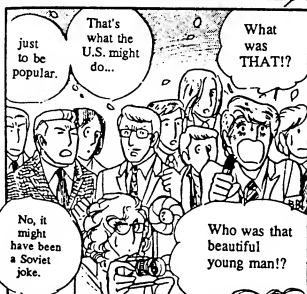
And to
everybody
in the whole
world from
Eroica with
love...

Didn't know
the Soviets
did this kind
of soppy
special effect
...

Must be an
American
soppy
attraction
...



Congratulations to the summit for world peace!



just to be popular.

That's what the U.S. might do...

What was THAT!?

No, it might have been a Soviet joke.

Who was that beautiful young man!?

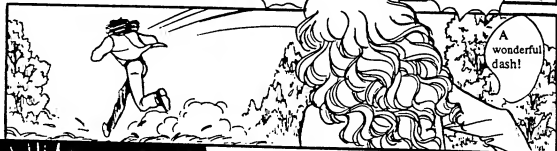
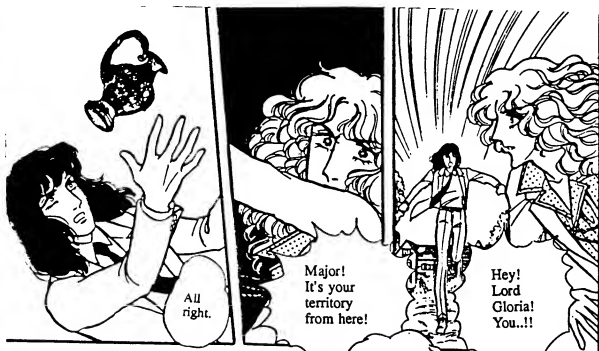


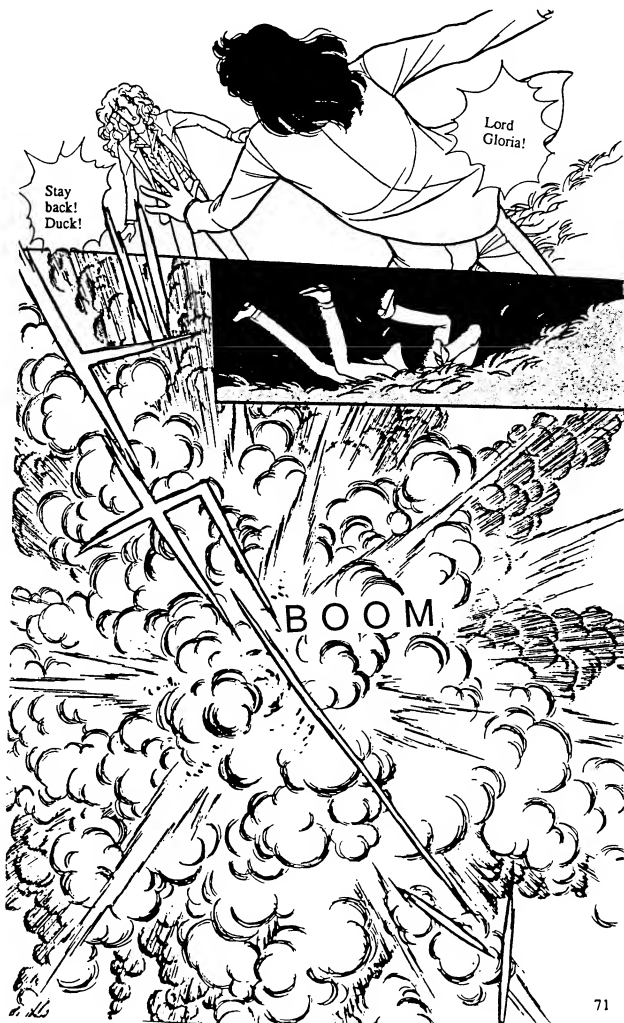
Ha ha ha ha.

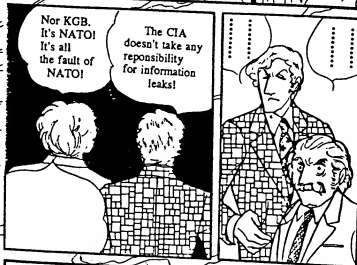
Excuse me now.

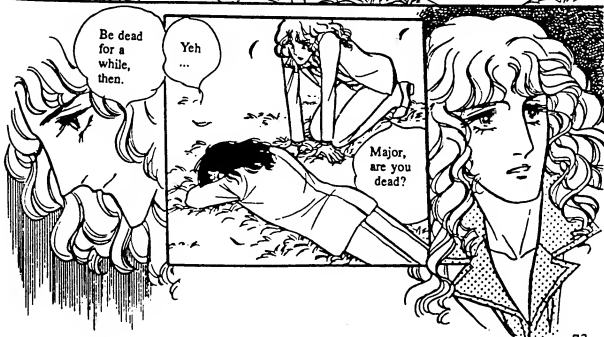
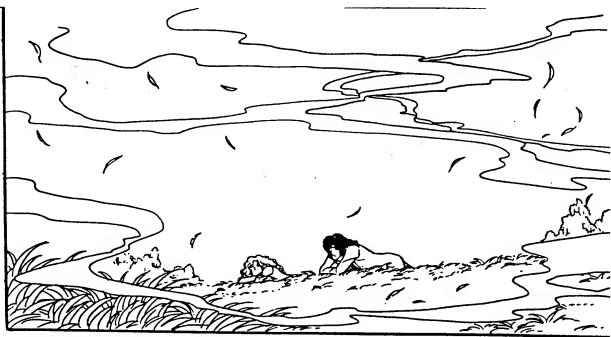


Far away...
As far as possible...











A spring that
is so... very
dramatic...